

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE
OF
NORTH CAROLINA,

A. F. & A. M.

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 *The Ninety-Seventh Annual Communication will be held in the city of Raleigh, on the Second Tuesday in January, 1884, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M.*

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OF
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NINETY-SIXTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

AT RALEIGH,
DECEMBER 5TH, 6TH AND 7TH, A. D. 1882.



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GRAND OFFICERS

FOR THE MASONIC YEAR 1883, AND THEIR ADDRESS.

ROBERT BINGHAM,.....GRAND MASTER,.....*Bingham School.*
FABIUS H. BUSBEE,DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, *Raleigh.*
CHARLES H. ROBINSON, ...SENIOR GRAND WARDEN, *Wilmington.*
WILLIAM T. KENNEDY,....JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN, *Stonewall.*
WILLIAM E. ANDERSON,....GRAND TREASURER,....*Raleigh.*
DONALD W. BAIN,.....GRAND SECRETARY,....*Raleigh.*
THOMAS J. ALLISON,.....GRAND CHAPLAIN,*Bingham School.*
SAMUEL H. SMITH,.....SENIOR GRAND DEACON, *Winston.*
JOHN W. GIDNEY,.....JUNIOR GRAND DEACON, *Shelby.*
JOHN W. COTTEN,.....GRAND MARSHAL,.....*Tarboro.*
M. C. S. NOBLE,.....GRAND SWORD BEARER, *Wilmington.*
GEORGE S. SCRUGGS,.....GRAND PURSUIVANT,....*Durham.*
MILES GOODWIN,.....GRAND TILER,.....*Raleigh.*

PROCEEDINGS.

THE Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina, commenced its ninety-sixth Annual Communication, at the Masonic Hall, in the city of Raleigh, on Tuesday evening, December 5th, A. L. 5882, A. D. 1882, and was opened in ample form at 8 o'clock, it appearing that a constitutional number of Lodges was represented.

Prayer was offered by Rev. John W. Lewis, Grand Chaplain *pro tem*.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

M. W.,	HENRY F. GRAINGER,	.....	<i>Grand Master.</i>
R. W.,	JAMES W. REID,	.....	<i>Deputy Grand Master.</i>
"	SAMUEL H. ROUNTREE,	.....	<i>as Senior Grand Warden.</i>
"	CHARLES H. ROBINSON,	.....	<i>Junior Grand Warden.</i>
"	THOMAS S. KENAN,	.....	<i>as Grand Treasurer.</i>
"	DONALD W. BAIN,	.....	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>
Bro.	A. M. NOBLE,	.....	<i>as Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
"	SAMUEL H. SMITH,	.....	<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
"	W. R. KENAN,	.....	<i>as Grand Marshal.</i>
"	JAMES A. LEACH,	.....	<i>as Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
"	DRURY A. SUGG,	.....	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
"	MILES GOODWIN,	.....	<i>Grand Tiler.</i>

Past Grand Officers present:

M. W.,	John Nichols,	Past Grand Master.
R. W.,	Eugene Grissom,	Past Deputy Grand Master.
"	Thomas S. Kenan,	Past Deputy Grand Master.
"	Samuel H. Rountree,	Past Junior Grand Warden.

Bros. James C. Munds and James A. Leach having been substituted for absent members of the Committee on Cred-

entials, the report of that committee was presented by Bro. Munds, which was accepted, and recommitted with directions to complete the same as representatives presented their credentials.

The following is the report complete :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

The Committee on Credentials have examined credentials submitted to them and report Lodges represented as follows:

J. B. NEATHERY,
J. C. MUNDS,
J. A. LEACH,
Committee.

ST. JOHN'S,.....	No.	1....	W. R. Kenan, W. M., Jas. C. Munds, proxy for S. W., J. W. Perdew, J. W.
ROYAL WHITE HART, ..	"	2....	R. J. Lewis, S. W., J. T. Gregory, J. W.
ST. JOHN'S,.....	"	3....	A. W. Wood, J. W. and proxy for W. M. and S. W.
CHARITY,.....	"	5....	D. C. Winston,.....Rep.
UNANIMITY,.....	"	7....	James A. Harrell,.....J. W.
PHENIX,.....	"	8....	C. P. Overby, W. M. and proxy for J. W., D. N. McLean, proxy for S. W.
AMERICAN GEORGE, ..	"	17....	C. D. Rice,.....Rep.
PHALANX.....	"	31....	S. H. Hilton, W. M., W. M. Crowell, proxy for S. and J. W.
DAVIE,	"	39....	J. C. Jacobs,.....W. M.
HIRAM,	"	40....	F. H. Busbee, W. M., R. T. Gray, S. W., G. Rosenthal, J. W.
HALL,.....	"	53....	C. D. Rice,.....proxy for Officers.
KING SOLOMON,	"	56....	R. T. Stephenson, W. M., H. E. Hoggard, proxy for J. W.
CONCORD,.....	"	58....	J. W. Cotten, W. M.
ZION,.....	"	81....	S. H. Rountree,.....proxy for W. M.
FELLOWSHIP,.....	"	84....	W. N. Benton, W. M., A. D. Ford, proxy for J. W.
MORNING STAR,.....	"	85....	J. J. Cockrell,.....W. M.
JOSEPH WARREN,...	"	92....	W. H. Applewhite, W. M., H. J. Sauls, S. W.
JERUSALEM,.....	"	95....	J. Q. Jackson,.....Rep.
ST. JOHN'S,.....	"	96....	S. H. Rountree.....W. M.
WAKE FOREST,.....	"	97....	T. C. Robertson, proxy for W. M. and S. W., J. L. Markham, J. W.

HIRAM,.....	No. 98...	D. A. Culbreth, W. M., J. A. Ferrell, S. W.
FULTON,.....	" 99....	E. B. Neave,.....Rep.
WAYNE,.....	" 112....	E. A. Wright, S. W. and proxy for W. M., John Slaughter, proxy for J. W.
HOLLY SPRING,.....	" 115....	J. M. Jones, proxy for W. M., J. G. Langston, proxy for J. W., T. A. Council, S. W.
MT. LEBANON,.....	" 117....	G. W. Blount,.....proxy for Officers.
MT. HERMON,.....	" 118....	F. H. Busbee, .....proxy for Officers.
TUSCARORA,.....	" 122....	S. D. Booth, W. M., A. H. A. Williams, proxy for S. W.
FRANKLINTON,	" 123....	N. Long, proxy for S. W., N. M. Barrow, W. M., B. J. Blackley, J. W.
MILL CREEK,.....	" 125....	W. N. Rose, Jr.,.....W. M.
HANKS,.....	" 128....	W. A. Woolen,.....proxy for Officers.
RADIANCE,.....	" 132....	A. Sugg, W. M., D. A. Sugg, proxy for S. W., W. A. Darden, proxy for J. W.
KING SOLOMON,....	" 138....	M. C. Collins,.....proxy for W. M.
MOUNT ENERGY,....	" 140....	D. C. White,.....W. M.
PALMYRA,.....	" 147....	C. H. Williams,.....Rep.
ADONIRAM,.....	" 149....	G. W. Watkins, W. M., G. W. Pittard, J. W.
ROLESVILLE,	" 156....	J. M. Fleming,.....W. M.
MOUNT PLEASANT,..	" 157....	W. L. Bledsoe and D. Peed,.....Reps.
KNAP OF REEDS, ...	" 158....	F. J. Tilly, W. M. and proxy for S. W., R. Peed, J. W,
DEEP RIVER,.....	" 164....	D. W. Bain,.....proxy for Officers.
ARCHER,.....	" 165....	J. W. Lee,.....proxy for Officers.
WINSTON,.....	" 167....	S. H. Smith,...proxy for W. M. and J. W.
GEO. WASHINGTON, ..	" 174....	B. F. Upchurch, proxy for W. M. and J. W., W. M. Long, S. W.
SILAM,.....	" 178....	A. J. Johnson,.....proxy for Officers.
CENTRAL CROSS,....	" 187....	A. Thomas,.....Rep.
GRANITE,	" 191....	W. H. Lancaster..... proxy for W. M.
BURNSVILLE,	" 192....	J. M. Gudger,.....Rep.
EAGLE ROCK,	" 201....	P. P. Pace,.....S. W.
CLEVELAND,.....	" 202....	J. W. Gidney,.....W. M.
ROANOKE,	" 203....	T. L. Emry, S. W., and proxy for W. M. and J. W.
BEREA,	" 204....	W. H. Smith, W. M., J. H. Mills, proxy for S. W.
MINGO,.....	" 206....	R. A. Draughon,.....W. M.
NEW SALEM,.....	" 209....	W. A. Woolen,.....Rep.
RICHLAND,.....	" 214....	J. A. Leach,.....W. M.

NEW LIGHT,.....	No. 215....	J. S. Mangum, W. M., E. Grissom, proxy for S. W., A. L. Davis, proxy for J. W.
WILLIAM G. HILL,..	" 218....	D. S. Waitt, W. M., C. B. Edwards, S. W., R. N. Mitchell, J. W.
STOKESBURG,.....	" 220....	S. H. Smith,.....proxy for Officers.
JONESVILLE,.....	" 227....	R. R. Gwyn, proxy for W. M., J. C. Rowe, proxy for Wardens.
MCCORMICK,.....	" 228....	James C. Munds,.....proxy for Officers.
CORINTHIAN,.....	" 230....	James S. Battle,.....proxy for Officers.
WILLIAM T. BAIN,..	" 231....	W. R. Stephenson,.....W. M.
LENOIR,	" 233....	S. I. Sutton, W. M., W. B. Reid, S. W.
ANCHOR,.....	" 234....	Y. L. Smith, S. W., Sanders Gattis, proxy for J. W.
ATLANTIC,.....	" 238....	D. W. Bain,.....proxy for Officers.
ROUNTREE,	" 243....	C. T. Barwick,.....W. M.
ROCKFORD,	" 251....	James C. Munds,.....Rep.
BEULAH,.....	" 257....	W. H. Hare,.....Rep.
HARNETT,	" 258....	A. N. Campbell,.....W. M.
EXCELSIOR,	" 261....	C. R. Jones,.....W. M.
MEBANEVILLE,.....	" 272....	A. M. Noble.....proxy for W. M.
BEAVER DAM,.....	" 276....	J. B. Ashcraft,.....W. M.
GREEN LEVEL,.....	" 277....	T. T. Holland,.....W. M.
COLESVILLE,.....	" 278....	F. H. Busbee,.....Rep.
REHOBOTH,	" 279....	J. C. L. Harris,.....proxy for W. M.
SAPONA,	" 280....	Joseph Rosser, W. M. and proxy for S. W., M. G. Johnson, J. W.
EUREKA,.....	" 283....	C. R. Jones,.....proxy for Officers.
SALEM,	" 289....	S. H. Smith,.....proxy for Officers.
FRENCH BROAD,---	" 292....	J. C. L. Harris,.....Rep.
VANCE,.....	" 293....	H. A. Gudger,.....proxy for Officers.
EDGECOMBE,	" 298....	Thomas S. Kenan,.....proxy for Officers.
EVERGREEN,.....	" 303....	L. McN. McDonald,.....Rep.
PLEASANT HILL,---	" 304....	S. H. Rountree, proxy for W. M. and J. W.
LAURINBURG,.....	" 305....	A. D. McCall,.....W. M.
PATTERSON,.....	" 307....	H. M. Cowan,.....Rep.
HATCHER,	" 310....	G. W. Blount,.....proxy for Officers.
NEW LEBANON,---	" 314....	George H. Snow,.....Rep.
KINSTON,.....	" 316....	J. Q. Jackson,.....proxy for Officers.
WILMINGTON,	" 319....	W. R. Kenan,.....proxy for Officers.
SELMA,	" 320....	A. M. Noble,.....proxy for W. M.
WENTWORTH,.....	" 324....	J. A. Leach.....proxy for J. W.
FALLING CREEK,---	" 325....	E. B. Jordan,.....Rep.
FAYETTEVILLE,---	" 329....	W. D. Jones,.....proxy for Officers.

BLACK CREEK,.....	No. 330.....	Henry D. Lucas,.....	Rep.
BAYBORO,	" 331.....	J. T. Cooper,.....	proxy for Officers.
LOCK'S CREEK,.....	" 333.....	J. O. Williams,.....	Rep.
IONIC,.....	" 337.....	W. F. Davis,.....	W. M.
PALMYRA,	" 338.....	W. Robinson,.....	W. M.
FAIRVIEW,	" 339.....	B. F. Dixon,	S. W.
HARMONY,.....	" 340.....	N. J. Smith, W. M., Levi Lancaster, S. W., Rufus Ham,.....	proxy for J. W.
HICKORY,.....	" 343.....	J. C. Hartsell,.....	proxy for Officers.
DURHAM,	" 352.....	W. L. Wall, W. M. and proxy for J. W., George S. Scruggs, proxy for S. W.	
MORAVIAN,	" 353.....	H. W. Norris,.....	W. M.
MT. VERNON,	" 359.....	Thomas L. McCleese,	proxy for Officers.
ACACIA,	" 361.....	R. L. Sutphin,.....	J. W.
SNOW,.....	" 363.....	D. W. Bain,.....	proxy for Officers.
CRAIGHEAD,	" 366.....	R. T. Gray,.....	Rep.
MT. PISGAH,.....	" 368.....	L. D. Baucum,	W. M.
STATE LINE,	" 375.....	J. W. Gidney,.....	proxy for Officers.
LIFE BOAT,	" 376.....	N. G. Woodell,.....	S. W.
YOUNGSVILLE,.....	" 377.....	S. W. Little, W. M., W. T. Young, S. W.	
SEABOARD,.....	" 378.....	C. E. HOBDAY,.....	W. M.
COHARIE,.....	" 379.....	C. H. Williams, W. M., J. M. Spell, S. W., J. D. O. Culbreth, J. W.	

The Grand Master delivered his annual address and referred the same to a committee composed of Bros. James W. Reid, D. G. M., John Nichols, P. G. M., and Samuel H. Rountree, P. J. G. W.

ADDRESS.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

BRETHREN :—We hail and welcome each other with the most cordial and fraternal greetings as we gather this evening in this retreat of friendship and virtue, after the toils and cares, the joys and sorrows of another year. Many, perhaps the most of you, come hither, annually, to share and enjoy the social, elevating and refining influences of these fraternal gatherings, as well as to look after and promote the welfare and workings of our craft which has and is still accomplishing so much for the relief of the physical, social and moral needs of man. To those who are with us for the first time, in their representative capacity, I extend in behalf of this Grand body, the strongest assurance of their welcome and invite and solicit them to a free participation in our discus-

sions and labors Withdrawn as we are from the perplexing cares and toils of our usual vocations, with no difference of religious, sectarian or political opinions disturbing our deliberations, and tolerating no emulation except that noble emulation, who can best work or agree ; let us, with gratitude to Him, whose watchful Providence has brought us safely through another year, and whose All-seeing eye is ever upon us, so betake ourselves, in the spirit and teachings of Masonry, to the discharge and performance of the duties and labors before us, that the good which shall be accomplished, shall be seen and felt through the coming ages, and this meeting be one of the most pleasant occasions of our lives.

It is not in a spirit of censure or complaint that I call attention to the want of that zeal among the craft which has so signally characterized it in the past and prompted to so much activity and beneficence. While the state and general advance of Masonry is perhaps as good as for several years past, it must be conceded that, as a general rule, the zeal, untiring energy and constant care in advancing, upholding and enforcing its teachings and requirements still fresh in our memories are not so great as in by-gone days. Why this declension? Masonry is ever the same—unchanged and unchangeable—it is suited to every land, clime and state of civilized society. It welcomes, and marches abreast with, the highest civilization and the greatest moral and religious reforms. The fault is then not in its organization and teachings : they, so far as the experience and observation of ages can detect, are as nearly perfect as human wisdom can devise. If not in these, it must of necessity be found in a failure to observe and practice them. To every well informed Mason the evidence is too strong and conclusive to doubt the latter. This is, however, not true of every Lodge or individual Mason—far from it. There are many well governed, prosperous Lodges within our jurisdiction, and hundreds of active, zealous and true Masons doing their duty. How different, if all were so ; and why may they not be? Let us stimulate and induce, if possible, our lukewarm and careless Lodges and indifferent brethren to regain their lost ground and move abreast with us in relieving the distressed and improving and elevating the moral state of man. Masonry has done and is capable of doing too much for the good of the world to be allowed to fall into disrepute, or fail in its great mission. While I have no fears of its final failure and demise, I do most earnestly desire to see more activity, more zealous work and better results. I confidently believe they can be accomplished. A few suggestions, however, are all that I have the time now to propose. Make your Lodge meetings as social, instructive and pleasant as possible. Endeavor to make them specially attractive. So much so that every member, instead of dreading or forgetting the time of Lodge meeting, will look forward to it with pleasant anticipations and feel himself wiser and better for having attended. Have some object in view and accomplish some good in your collective capacity, as a Lodge, at every meeting. If you have no distressed brother or the family of such asking relief, perhaps there are others within your

jurisdiction in need whom you can relieve without injury to yourselves or your Lodge. While you are bound by special ties to those of our own household, every human being has a claim upon our kind offices. Do good unto all is the injunction. Out of the Lodge let every Mason practice the duties and high moral lessons taught in it. Let his life and conduct be squared by the square of virtue and morality. This should be the constant endeavor of every one ; however great or many may be his failures or short comings. Failures and defeats may outnumber the victories at first, but remember that diligence and perseverance overcome all things : " One victory helps another to win," thus on and on until the persevering and faithful brother overcomes every obstacle and stands a victor complete. As a further means of increasing the interest and activity among the Lodges and the body of the craft, I recommend an increased and more extended official visitation by the Grand Master. I have observed decidedly good results from such visitations. To do so he would have to incur an expense annually of two or three hundred dollars. While the necessary expenses of the Grand Master, incurred in the discharge of the duties of his office, are provided for by law, it is perhaps doubtful whether any Grand Master would feel free to incur that amount of expense, in the present state of our finances, in such visitations without an expression by the Grand Lodge ; as such expenses might not, upon strict construction, be included in those now provided for by law. I therefore recommend the adoption of a resolution authorizing the Grand Treasurer to pay to the Grand Master an amount not exceeding three hundred dollars per annum, to defray his actual expenses incurred in official visitations to the Subordinate Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction ; provided that no Grand Master shall render any account for expenses when such visitation was made at a time he was called to the place of visitation by public or private business, other than Masonic requiring his presence.

GRAND MASTER'S PREROGATIVES.

While instances may occur justifying and requiring the Grand Master to exercise his high prerogative in the face of a positive enactment, I am, after a service of two years as such, more than ever convinced that he should exercise it only in extreme cases and always with very great caution. Where the will of the law making power has been regularly and properly ascertained it ought not to be disregarded or set aside, unless the circumstances are such as to satisfy him that the law making power, acting thereon with a knowledge of all the facts and circumstances, would reverse its action as to that particular matter. During the year I have had several very strong appeals for its exercise. I mention only a few : One, a request to allow a Lodge to receive and act upon the petition of a preacher who had not resided twelve months within its jurisdiction ; another, from a different Lodge, to allow it to confer the degrees upon a preacher without charging the fees required by law. I have a profound respect and very high regard for that worthy and honorable class of our fellow-citizens, but the law is

so plain, that both were declined. Another Lodge had balloted upon the petition of a very good man who was black-balled—the Lodge desired to act upon the petition again before the expiration of twelve months—declined. I will mention only one more. A non-affiliated Mason died—he had been excluded for non-payment of dues—his family wished the Lodge to bury him with Masonic honors, and offered to pay his back dues for that purpose. I sympathized with his stricken and bereaved family. By his own act he had forfeited that right. The law declared he should not have such honors. I felt it my painful duty to enforce it and did so.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

My official correspondence during the year has been chiefly conducted by my private secretary, Bro. T. B. Hyman, who has rendered me very valuable assistance as such.

GRAND LECTURERS.

During the year I have commissioned the following Grand Lecturers: Bros. Bernice Walker, S. H. Rountree, B. W. Hatcher, C. D. Rice, Thomas Palmer and ----- Griggs. The reports of Bros. Rountree, and Rice, as required by a resolution of the last Grand Lodge, are in the hands of the Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

The board of commissioners of Wake county requested me to convene the Grand Lodge in Special Communication on the 26th day of last May and lay the corner-stone of Wake court house which was then being remodeled. A special communication was held and the corner-stone laid in the presence of a very large crowd of spectators, after which an address was delivered in Metropolitan Hall by our esteemed Bro. F. H. Busbee, worthy of the occasion and the distinguished speaker.

DISPENSATIONS.

Dispensations have been issued during the year to form new lodges, the names, dates and localities of which will be found in the Grand Secretary's report. I have also issued quite a number of dispensations to lodges to elect and install their officers. I regret to notice an increasing omission of subordinate lodges to elect and install officers at the times fixed by law. This is becoming so common, I feel it necessary to call special attention to the matter and urge upon the lodges greater promptness in this regard.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The law provides that the elective officers of this Grand Lodge shall be elected by ballot. A fair construction and I think the clear intent of that law is, that every brother entitled to vote shall cast his own ballot. There has been

for several years an increasing tendency to depart from this mode—some brother moving that the whole vote of the Grand Lodge be cast by one brother on a single ballot for the officer to be elected. So far has this been carried, that, at the last communication, every elective officer, except the Grand Master, was thus elected. This departure does not meet with universal approval. Some of our eminent brethren think it objectionable. It will require more time to elect as was formerly done, but I am thoroughly satisfied it will give more general satisfaction, and therefore recommend the mode contemplated by law be adhered to.

FRATERNAL COURTESIES.

The Grand Lodge of Virginia has appointed Bro. Wm. E. Anderson, Grand Treasurer, her representative near this Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of Rhode Island has appointed Bro. H. W. Reinhart, her representative near this Grand Lodge.

I have appointed the following representatives of this Grand Lodge to the following Grand Lodges, viz: Bro. Elisha L. McLallen to the Grand Lodge of Indiana; Bro. Marcus M. Atwood to the Grand Lodge of Michigan, and Bro. Alfred R. Courtney to the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

It affords me very great pleasure to inform you that the most friendly and harmonious relations continue to exist between this and all other Grand Jurisdictions, while peace and harmony prevail within our own borders.

DEATH.

To the list of our fraternal dead has been added since last we met, the name of our distinguished brother and Past Grand Master, Dr. Pleasant A. Holt. It was not my pleasure to know him personally. My information is that he was a man of kind heart, strong intellect and a well-balanced, cultivated mind. He adopted as his calling in life the profession of medicine—in which he had become eminent, and which he practiced to the time of his death. He was Grand Master in 1856 and 1857. He was a native of this State and resided here until 1865, at which time he moved to the State of Florida where he continued to reside until his death, which sad event occurred on the 31st day of December, 1881. We have no information, of what part he took in masonry after leaving North Carolina, but while here he was an active, zealous mason.

ORPHAN ASYLUM.

The good which this institution has accomplished, to say nothing of that which is to follow, cannot be approximately estimated by any human calculation. Every body is proud of the Orphan Asylum. Many who never contribute a farthing for its support delight to boast of it as one of the greatest insti-

tutions in our State, and seem to think it is doing so much good and so indispensable that, with just a little aid, it will run itself; and that Bro. Mills has, as superintendent, the easiest and most desirable position in all the land. This is a great mistake. This, is indeed, an incessant laborious work, not unfrequently attended with the most perplexing and embarrassing cares and difficulties. He sometimes needs and solicits counsel and, when that which is deemed best is determined on, undertakes it with all his might. Few men, if any, could have done better, if as well as he. During my two terms as Grand Master, I have made eight official visits to the asylum to look after its interest and give such counsel and assistance to the superintendent as I could. He has extended to me the most fraternal welcome and the fullest opportunities to inspect its management and workings. The sanitary condition of the premises is, and has been kept good. The health, as well as the mental and moral culture of the children, is the constant object of his anxious care and diligence. The deportment of the children as a rule, so far as I have been able to judge, has been good. To my successor, I commend the superintendent, teachers and orphans, and bid him God speed in the great work he will find awaiting him at the very beginning of his official career.

E. F. POWELL, ESQ.

E. F. Powell, Esq., of Halifax county, N. C., a very worthy citizen and exemplary member of the Baptist Church, died a few months ago, leaving no widow or child or the issue of such surviving him. By his last will and testament which has been duly admitted to probate in that county, he gave his entire estate, real and personal to the State of North Carolina for the Orphan Asylum, to be paid to the asylum as the Legislature may direct, except so much as should be necessary to pay his small indebtedness and a few hundred dollars to be applied by his executors in erecting an iron fence around, and suitable grave-stones to, the graves of his deceased wife and himself. The executors have informed me that there are about four hundred acres of the land almost entirely unimproved, which is worth about one thousand dollars, and that there will be about one thousand dollars, net, of the personal estate to pay over to the asylum.

MALE DEPARTMENT.

The new building is now occupied by the boys under the immediate care and supervision of Bro. J. S. Midyette, Assistant Superintendent. We have had much trouble and delay with the contractor in regard to this house. He named various times for the completion of his contract, but did not turn it over to us for occupation until about the 1st day of September. It is a very handsome three story brick building, with three large dormitories for the boys, three school rooms and three teachers' rooms. The porticos have not yet been completed, but a contract has been made for their early completion. The reason they have not been finished is, we did not see our way clear to pay for them until very re-

cently. Our motto has been strict economy, and pay as the work was done. We fixed the 20th of October as the day for its dedication. Notice was given of a special communication of this Grand Lodge to be held that day at the asylum for that purpose. Senator M. W. Ransom and Rev. Dr. E. A. Yates were invited and accepted the invitations to deliver addresses on the occasion. The day was one of the most inclement of the whole year. The speakers would have been present, but for the extremely inclement weather. Only a very few—not a score of masons attended. We were forced to postpone. But for the unfavorable weather, it is believed there would have been the largest turn out for many years past.

ORPHANS' FRIEND.

Your committee composed of the Grand Master, the Superintendent of the Orphan Asylum and Bro. A. H. A. Williams, appointed and authorized to employ some suitable person as editor and manager of the *Orphans' Friend*, gave immediate attention to that duty after the close of our last communication. A contract was made with Rev. R. H. Marsh and Lycurgus Thomas, Esq., of Oxford, N. C., to continue until this communication. By the contract, they were to have the use of our printing press, job press, type and office fixtures, for which they were to edit and publish the *Orphan's Friend*, weekly, of the size it was on the 18th day of May, 1881, at the subscription price of one dollar per annum, send the paper to subscribers, whose subscription had not expired for such time as they had paid for it, do all the asylum printing without charge, pay all expenses in any manner connected with the paper, and pay to the superintendent of the Orphan Asylum twenty per cent. of the gross receipts from the paper and twenty per cent. of the gross receipts of all job work, after deducting the cost of the paper used in the job work. The first issue of the paper, under the contract with them, was on the 4th day of January last, and has been issued weekly ever since. The number of subscribers on the books at the time they took charge was little over six hundred; they now have over twenty-two hundred. They have paid to the superintendent of the Asylum under the contract over four hundred dollars. They desire to continue the publication of the paper. I take pleasure in recommending them as faithful and reliable gentlemen and masons—fully competent for that work.

CONCLUSION.

In returning to you, my brethren, the badge of my office and this emblem of power to commit to other and better hands, I return you my thanks for the distinguished honor you have conferred on me in twice electing me to the high and honorable office of Grand Master, and express to you my high appreciation of the kind and courteous treatment I have received on all occasions from the officers and members of this Grand Lodge and the members of the craft I have met in this Jurisdiction.

H. F. GRAINGER,
Grand Master.

The Grand Secretary submitted his annual report, which was read and referred to the Committee on the Books and report of that officer:

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

BRETHREN:—In making this report I am encouraged at some indications of advancement in the order in this Grand Jurisdiction. Correspondence reveals the fact that many who had become non-affiliated by reason of the demise of their Lodges have sought admission into other Lodges. The annual returns indicate a net increase of gains beyond the previous year.

Some old Lodges which had remained dormant for several years have resumed work under a restoration of their charters. The dissolution of a few Lodges has occurred, which is to be regretted. Some of them are taking steps, however, to recover their charters.

ESTABLISHMENT OF LODGES.

Two new Lodges have been established under dispensation, viz :
 September 14, 1882. *Seaboard*—at Seaboard, Northampton county.
 October 4, 1882. *Coharie*—at Salem Academy, Sampson county.

Five Lodges received charters at the last Annual Communication, with numbers 373 to 377 both inclusive. They were regularly constituted. The charters of—

Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, Hertford, Perquimans county,
Deep River Lodge, No. 164, Foust Mills, Randolph county,
Eno Lodge, No. 210, Durham, Durham county,
Hibriten Lodge, No. 262, Lenoir, Caldwell county,
Pamlico Lodge, No. 300, in Pamlico county,
Clay Lodge, No. 301, Hayesville, Clay county,
 have been restored.

DELINQUENT LODGES.

Under the requirement of law as to Lodges failing to make returns and pay dues to the Grand Lodge for two successive years, I report the following Lodges as delinquent in these respects :

Stokes, No. 32, Concord, Cabarrus county,
William R. Davie, No. 37, Lexington, Davidson county,
Clinton, No. 124, Louisburg, Franklin county,
Dan River, No. 129, Madison, Rockingham county,
Pleasant Hill, No. 168, Patterson's Store, Alamance county,
Balfour, No. 188, Asheboro, Randolph county,

Falkland, No. 196, Falkland, Pitt county,
Ashland, No. 211, Mt. Airy, Surry county,
Shiloh, No. 250, Sassafras Fork, Granville county,
Richard Wat. York, No. 281, Chatham county,
Monatau, No. 318, Stokes county,
Danbury, No. 323, Danbury, Stokes county.

It is probable that most of these Lodges will meet their delinquency and resume work, as the efforts to that end which I have made in each case, are not without hope.

The establishment of Lodges with a small membership—scarcely, if any, more than a legal quorum,—is of doubtful expediency.

This is demonstrated in the instance of some of the Lodges (as also, in others) whose delinquency I have just reported. They have continued a meagre existence in the midst of uncertainty, struggling with difficulties, and, after a period, ceased work. There are commendable exceptions, however, of Lodges established in thickly populated sections where there is abundant material to insure progress.

Some remarks which I had the honor to submit in my last annual report have a practical application here.

REMOVAL OF LODGES.

The Grand Lodge, at its last Annual Communication, authorized the removal of Chalmers Lodge, No. 151, from Carbondon, Moore county, to the Gulf in Chatham county.

Other removals are, as required by law, announced as follows :

George Washington Lodge, No. 174, from Lasater's X Roads to or near Bell's X Roads, Chatham county, and Cedar Fork Lodge, No. 342, from Cedar Fork to Morrisville, Wake county. The law, in each case, was complied with.

REVENUE.

I have received during the masonic year, three thousand four hundred and nine dollars, from sources as follows:

Dues from Lodges for 1881 and previous years,	\$ 3,253 75
Charters, deducting Grand Secretary's fees,	95 00
Dispensations, deducting Grand Secretary's fees,	18 00
For sealing diplomas,	1 50
Sales of the Code,	17 00
Sales of property of an extinct Lodge,	3 00
Dues from members of extinct Lodges,	20 75
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	\$ 3,409 00

This amount has been paid to the Grand Treasurer.

The cash book, ledger, and record book of the office are ready for inspection.

DUES OF MEMBERS OF EXTINGUISHED LODGES.

Numerous applications are made for certificates of membership in extinct Lodges, under Section 2, Article VI, of the Code, as amended. The Grand Secretary having no discretion is required to exact the dues in each case, as charged on the books, which many are unable to pay, owing to the large amount accumulated against them. By this disability they remain non-affiliated. It is submitted that, if the law were so modified as to require the payment of a specific sum, it would afford a remedy, and extend relief to a large class of masons, and augment the roll of affiliated members. Another difficulty presents itself in the matter of certificates; that the books of many of the Lodges have been kept in such a manner as to render it almost impossible to ascertain the amount of dues owing by the former members. This difficulty would be removed by the amendment as suggested.

EXCLUSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

The membership of the Lodges has been largely diminished since 1875, the first year of the present financial system of fifty cents per capita. An extensive correspondence with the Lodges shows that this is owing in a large measure, to the want of necessary regulation for the systematic collection of dues, and a failure to observe section 12, of Article XIII, of the Code. In my opinion the amendment to the Uniform Code of By-Laws, contemplated by the action of the Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication, as suggested by the Committee on Jurisprudence, concerning the restoration to membership of masons excluded for non-payment of dues, &c., is demanded.

LIBRARY OF THE GRAND LODGE.

An addition of twenty-seven bound volumes has been made to the library during the year, making the number on the shelves, more than five hundred.

PORTRAIT OF P. G. M., DAVID W. STONE.

The Grand Treasurer and myself have received from Mrs. Sarah A. Williams, of this city, the large and elegant portrait of her former husband, the late David W. Stone, Past Grand Master, and made suitable acknowledgments on behalf of the Grand Lodge. It adorns the wall of the library.

DEATHS.

The Grand Lodge of New York has sustained a loss in the death of its Grand Secretary, James McMurray Austin, which occurred December 3d, 1881, at the advanced age of sixty-eight years. His distinguished services were not circumscribed by the limits of his own Grand Jurisdiction, but extended to the country at large. The record which he made with his own hand, embracing twenty-seven years of official station in his Grand Lodge, is a memorial of his own fame and the history of the achievements of his Grand Body.

A like event has befallen the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Tracy P. Cheever, Grand Secretary, died November 23d, 1881, at the age of fifty-seven years. The eminence to which he had attained in his profession and the fraternity, made him a fit representative of both in his commonwealth.

He fell suddenly at his post after completing the record of the transactions of a Special Communication of his Grand Lodge, November 22d, uttering a few moments before the prophetic words: "My record is finished; it will read right a hundred years hence."

Praying that Divine wisdom may direct us in our deliberations and that the blessings of Heaven may rest upon them, this report is respectfully submitted.

DONALD W. BAIN,

Grand Secretary.

The Grand Secretary announced the illness of R. W., William E. Anderson, Grand Treasurer, and read his annual report, which was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims:

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

W. E. ANDERSON, GRAND TREASURER,

In account with the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

		DR.	
		To amount on hand last report, December 6th, 1881,.....	\$ 261.17
		To amount received from Grand Secretary for past Masonic year,.....	3,409.00
			<u>\$3,670.17</u>
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1881		Credit by amounts paid as follows:	
Dec.	7	J. H. Mills, Superintendent, on account Oxford Orphan Asylum,.....	\$ 500.00
"	7	H. W. Reinhart, expenses as member of Orphan Asylum Committee,.....	6.09
"	7	H. W. Reinhart, Grand Sword Bearer, expenses attending Annual Communication,.....	11.85
"	7	A. H. A. Williams, telegram on Grand Lodge business, ..	1.00
"	8	T. B. Hyman, services as private secretary to Grand Master,	25.00
		Amount carried forward,.....	<u>\$ 543.94</u>

1881		Amount brought forward,.....	\$ 543 94
Dec.	8	C. H. Robinson, Junior, Grand Warden, expenses to Annual Communication,	14 00
"	8	W. T. Kennedy, Senior Grand Deacon, expenses to Annual Communication,.....	14 75
"	8	Samuel H. Smith, Junior Grand Deacon, expenses to Annual Communication,	12 95
"	8	Rev. P. T. Penick, Grand Chaplain, expenses to Annual Communication,.....	16 80
"	8	G. Rosenthal, services as Assistant Grand Secretary,.....	25 00
"	10	Miles Goodwin, articles furnished for and services rendered Grand Lodge,.....	42 30
"	10	John Nichols, Postmaster, postal expenses Grand Lodge,.....	7 75
"	13	Miss Mary Anderson, amount voted her by Grand Lodge,.....	50 00
"	20	H. F. Grainger, expenses as Grand Master,.....	47 50
"	24	J. H. Mills, Superintendent, on account Oxford Orphan Asylum,.....	1,000 00
"	29	Raleigh News & Observer, advertising 95th Communication,.....	5 90
1882			
Feb.	3	Pescud & Son, insurance on Asylum buildings,.....	54 00
"	6	John Nichols, Postmaster, postage on proceedings,.....	4 25
Mar.	22	W. S. Primrose, Secretary and Agent, insurance on Asylum buildings,.....	34 00
"	22	John Nichols, Postmaster, postage on proceedings,.....	44 47
"	25	Uzzell & Wiley, circulars, blanks, proceedings, &c.,.....	271 00
"	25	N. C. Home Insurance Company, insurance on Orphans' Friend,	20 00
May	30	N. C. Home Insurance Company, insurance on contents of Grand Secretary's office,.....	7 50
June	29	H. Mahler, tea set and waiter, ordered by the Grand Lodge, for Dr. Booth, of Oxford,	50 00
Oct.	28	Robert Bingham, Senior Grand Warden, expenses attending Annual Communication,.....	6 00
Nov.	21	J. H. Mills, Superintendent, on account of appropriation by last Grand Lodge for Oxford Orphan Asylum,.....	500 00
Dec.	2	D. W. Bain, Grand Sec'y, salary for Masonic year, 1881,.....	700 00
"	4	Commission allowed Grand Treasurer past Masonic year,.....	150 00
		Balance carried to new year,.....	48 96
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			\$3,670 17

In response to the call of the United States Government, I collected from the Treasury Department the one thousand dollar bond devised to the Grand Lodge for the use of the Orphan Asylum by the late Hon. B. F. Moore, receiving therefor the sum of one thousand and twenty dollars and eighty-six cents principal and interest; the interest, twenty dollars and eighty-six cents, was turned over by me to J. H. Mills, Superintendent of the Asylum, and the sum of one thousand dollars was by the advice and direction of the Grand Master and the Committee appointed by the last Grand Lodge to direct its investment, loaned to J. H. Mills, Superintendent of the Orphan Asylum on June 15th, 1882, upon a bond for that amount executed by him as principal and with twelve prominent masons as sureties, payable on January 1st, 1883, with eight per cent. interest,

and is secure beyond a question: it was deemed advisable to make this temporary loan, as the money was much needed to complete the new building at the Orphan Asylum, and it was thought that the wishes of the testator would be more nearly complied with by this use of it than by any other then open to the Committee. I hope the Grand Lodge will direct the final investment of this thousand dollars when it shall have been paid by the Asylum authorities.

The buildings of the Oxford Orphan Asylum have been kept insured during the year in the sum of ten thousand dollars as heretofore: the fact that a large and valuable addition has been made to the number of the buildings on the grounds would seem to render it expedient that additional insurance should be taken out: if the Grand Lodge so desire, it will be necessary to instruct the Grand Treasurer by resolution, as by section 6 of the report of the Committee on Orphan Asylum in proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1880. I have also kept the printing press, type and material of the *Orphans' Friend* insured in the sum of one thousand dollars, and the contents of the Grand Secretary's office in the sum of six hundred dollars, vouchers for all of which are filed with my accounts.

As directed by resolution on page 27 of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of 1881, I have paid Miss Mary Anderson the sum of fifty dollars, and with the voucher therefor I submit her letter of grateful thanks.

Section 7 of the report of the Committee on the Orphan Asylum adopted by the Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication, directs that the Grand Treasurer purchase and present to Dr. S. D. Booth, of Oxford, a silver tea service in recognition of his gratuitous services to the orphans at the Asylum, and in accordance therewith, after much necessary delay and conference with Bro. Henry Mahler, of this city, who generously agreed to furnish it at cost, a very neat and serviceable silver tea set was purchased and forwarded by Express to Dr. Booth at Oxford; with the voucher for the same I submit the correspondence, which has once appeared in the *Orphans' Friend*.

As Chairman of the Committee on Printing, I report that, after inviting and considering proposals from different job printers, the work of printing the Annual Proceedings for the last year was awarded to Messrs. Uzzell & Wiley, of this city, and has been done in a creditable and workmanlike manner, and at a cost of two hundred and sixty-one dollars and fifty cents which the Committee think a reasonable sum.

W. E. ANDERSON,
Grand Treasurer.

Bro. J. H. Mills, Superintendent of the Orphan Asylum, presented his report, which was read and referred to the Committee on the Orphan Asylum:

REPORT ON THE ORPHAN ASYLUM.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Jonah, while grateful for that divine mercy which prepared a fish to ferry him to a friendly shore, was angry because the same mercy was extended to the Ninevites, repenting in sack-cloth and ashes. So likewise, if any selfish or envious persons wished, during the present year, to monopolize the gifts of Heaven, they were doomed to disappointment. Rains descended alike upon the just and the unjust, and every cultivated field rewarded the laborer beyond his fondest expectations. So abundant have been the crops, that the next year will be ushered in before the harvests of the present year can be stored. Yet Holy Writ informs us that the poor shall never cease out of the land. These plentiful harvests are given that we may do good to others, as the Lord has prospered us. It becomes us, therefore, to open our hearts and hands, to enlarge our operations, and to magnify our work. The present abundance is more highly appreciated on account of the great scarcity which prevailed in the early part of the year, when it was almost impossible to procure the needful supplies. But in the joys and duties of the present, we can afford to forget the anxieties and hardships of the past.

The number of orphans reported last year was one hundred and forty. Admitted since last report, forty-seven. Present during the year, one hundred and eighty-seven. Two have been adopted and forty discharged. The present number is one hundred and forty-five. Most of them have made commendable progress in their studies. Those discharged find abundant employment and reasonable wages.

Total receipts in cash from last report to noon, December 5, 1882, \$14,451 92

Total disbursements for the same time, 14,032 66

Amount on hand at noon, December 5, 1882,\$ 419 26

The contributions in kind have been quite liberal, especially since the crops were harvested.

HEALTH.

I am glad to be able to say, that no death has occurred during the year, and we have had no case of protracted sickness. Still, many have suffered from chills and other causes, so that we have been forced to spend a considerable sum for expensive medicines.

THE HOSPITAL.

For many months the rooms of this building have been occupied as dormitories, because of our crowded condition. When the boys were moved to their own building, they of necessity carried the furniture also. At that time we had not the means to refurnish the Hospital. But it is now proposed to refurnish it

immediately, as a hospital should be furnished, and to employ an experienced nurse. With a hospital in good working order, we cannot only promote the comfort and improve the health of the sick, but we can save money by compounding our own medicines.

THE NEW BUILDING.

After many annoying delays, the building for the boys was, at last, completed according to the plan adopted by the Committee. All the rooms are unusually neat, convenient and comfortable. The ventilation is excellent. The fire-places, built according to drawings prepared by a friend who has thoroughly studied the philosophy of chimneys, draw remarkably well. Each sex is now freed from restraints necessary in the presence of the other. All are delighted with the enlargement of their liberties. Still the boys and girls are near enough to preserve friendly acquaintance, and to be helpful to each other. They can also conveniently participate in the same public services. The porticos are not finished; but a contract has been made for their speedy completion in a style corresponding with the building. The slate on hand is supposed to be sufficient for the porticos. The cost will be one hundred and eighty dollars.

AN ADDITIONAL BUILDING.

A large dining room for the boys, a small one for their teachers, and a cook room for both is now indispensable. A contract has therefore been made for a one-story brick building, sixteen by fifty-two feet, to contain the needed rooms. This building will cost seven hundred and ninety-three dollars.

SALE AND PURCHASE OF LAND.

To aid in the erection of the new building (now paid for), the Committee sold seven acres of land, adjoining the town for twenty-five hundred dollars, and bought seven acres near the new building for two hundred. We did not need the land sold. The land bought lies where we needed more room.

CROPS.

The abundant rains enabled us to raise a large quantity of needed vegetables. We also made oats and corn. On about twenty acres we now have wheat, clover and rye. About ten acres are reserved for vegetables next year. We saved several tons of good hay, and our mules, cows, hogs and goats are in good condition.

THE POWELL ESTATE.

This property, left by Mr. E. F. Powell, of Halifax, to the Legislature for the benefit of the Orphan Asylum, consists of good notes, amounting to a little over two thousand dollars, one hundred acres of swamp, two hundred acres of original forests and old field pine, and twenty acres of open land. The swamp is dry in summer, and covered with three or four feet of water in winter. It is

useful for supplying shingles; but most of the cypress trees now standing are young. The entire swamp is thirty miles long, and its estimated fall is ten feet. There is but little probability that it will be drained in our day. The original forest has been picked over, till not more than half of the original timber is left. The open land is thin, and the log cabin thereon is valued at twenty-five dollars. The land does not touch any public road, and its streams are all dry in summer. It has been badly treated; but is susceptible of vast improvement. Its market value is about one thousand dollars. It should either be sold, or promptly occupied and protected. Mr. Powell also left a small amount of personal property. Claims against the estate will reduce its value to about twenty-five hundred dollars. If it shall be allowed to lie, and invite litigation, nothing will be left for the orphans. The principal claimant has already brought suit. But he requests me to say to the Grand Lodge that he does not desire a lawsuit—prefers that disinterested parties shall say what is due, and that a prompt and honorable settlement shall follow. I took the liberty of assuring him that the Grand Lodge had no desire to appear before a court in the attitude of a tardy debtor, and would take pleasure in making a just and speedy settlement. I therefore respectfully recommend the appointment of a committee to ask of the Legislature an immediate transfer of the property, in order that all just claims may be settled without tedious and expensive litigation.

THE ORPHANS' FRIEND.

Under the management of Messrs. Marsh and Thomas, the paper has prospered and has widened its field of usefulness. The net income to the Orphan Asylum from the paper and from job work from November 20, 1881, to November 30, 1882, was three hundred and seventy-four dollars and fifty cents. This excludes a considerable amount of job work done for the Orphan Asylum.

So the investment is a good one, when properly managed. Still, I am in favor of selling the office to some reliable brother, so that he may own the same, and yet conduct the paper as our organ, just as the owners of religious papers conduct the organs of their respective denominations.

The combined value of the Powell estate and of the printing office would buy a farm on which a large part of our needed supplies could be raised, and on which the large boys and girls could enjoy some experience of farm life and its labors.

CONCLUSIONS FROM EXPERIENCE.

For ten years we have been walking in the light of the lamp of experience. By this time our conclusions ought to be valuable to ourselves and to others. Some of them at least should be recorded for future guidance.

1. There should never be any plastering in a school building, because it is needless, expensive and dangerous.

2. The easiest of all problems is how to run a public institution for the benefit of its officers. As a caoutchouc string often unties itself, so this problem undisturbed will solve itself.

3. The hardest of all problems is how to run a public institution for the benefit of its inmates. Many wise and good people have long been, and are still, at work on it.

4. The clause allowing the Superintendent to make exceptions to the required ages for the admission of children ought to be rescinded. It has been our most fruitful source of confusion, disturbance and injury to the orphans. Let the Superintendent have his orders and be required to obey them. The Grand Master can easily make all proper exceptions.

5. It ought to be unlawful for any Superintendent of the Orphan Asylum to accept any gift for his own benefit, except by permission of the Grand Lodge. His salary should be sufficient for the comfortable support of himself and family, and he should be freed from the insidious temptations of those who are willing to pay him individually for the privilege of making money out of the institution under his charge. Whenever a gift, without suspicion of corruption, is offered, the approval of the Grand Lodge can be easily obtained.

THE CONFERENCE OF CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

In July, with the advice of the Grand Master, I attended the Conference of Charities and Correction, at Madison, Wisconsin, and found a large assembly of wise and good men and women, whose sole purpose seemed to be the alleviation of the sufferings of erring and unfortunate humanity. Illustrious jurists and statesmen, distinguished divines and orators, skilled experts and inspectors, famous managers and superintendents of charitable, penal and reformatory institutions participated in the discussions. We visited industrial schools, and orphan and lunatic asylums, and diligently studied their management. Some of the problems which often perplexed me, were satisfactorily explained. Some new methods and arrangements have already been introduced at Oxford, and others will be as soon as funds can be spared for the purpose. The reports and documents received since my return supply material for continued study and progress, and show that we ought to correspond, by an exchange of reports, with all similar enterprises. I was glad to learn that the best people of other States feel a friendly interest in our public institutions. Do the citizens of the Northern States really wish well to our poor and afflicted? They certainly do. And if we will open the way many of them will take pleasure in visiting our charitable and penal institutions, and their visits will be pleasant to us and beneficial to those whose condition we are trying to improve. The next session of the Conference will be held in Louisville, Kentucky. I respectfully recommend that the Superintendent of the Orphan Asylum be instructed to attend, if his duties will permit.

OUR DUTY TO THE LEGISLATURE AND TO THE PEOPLE.

When we started the Orphan Asylum, our means were so limited that many expected the undertaking to fail. But a multitude of liberal contributors came

to our relief and at the suggestion of the people, the Legislature voted an appropriation sufficient to silence those who had predicted a failure. In return for so much kindness, it becomes us to show our gratitude to the people and to the Legislature by laying before them the results of our experience and observation, of our reading and reflection, on the best means of saving from ruin and making useful citizens of the boys and girls of our State. I therefore recommend the appointment of a committee to submit to the members of the Legislature the following suggestions :

1. The appointment of an Inspector of Public Charities. If we had a competent and disinterested Inspector to examine our institutions, advise with the officers, and to make faithful and truthful reports to the Legislature and to the people, the comfort of the inmates would be promoted, a judicious economy would be enforced, and the confidence of mankind would be secured. The small expense required would be more than compensated by the improvements suggested, and by the increase of contributions resulting from the confidence inspired among charitable persons.

2. Our State has no school adapted to children of peculiar and defective capacities. Provision is made for all others ; but these grow up in ignorance and remain so many burdens on the State. A few years in a school adapted to their capacities would enable them to earn an honest living and to make themselves useful citizens. The total expenses of such school need not exceed six dollars a month for each student after suitable grounds and buildings have been provided. A benevolent gentleman proposes to pay for the grounds ; others could probably be found to erect the buildings. Now is the time to act.

3. We need an industrial school for girls. A young girl commits some trivial offence : she is sent to jail, cut off from all good people, associated with the vulgar, the profane, and with those who have cast away all moral restraint. She loses her self-respect, and gradually sinks to the level of her associates. Perhaps she is sent to the Penitentiary. In that school of vice her soul is degraded, and all hope of restoration to respectable society is lost forever. Better put all such girls in a school conducted by a kind and motherly lady, and allow her to teach them to read good books, and to earn an honest living. Thus the way will open for them to find employment in respectable families, and be useful to the State.

4. A Reformatory for boys is greatly needed. Boys are often rash and thoughtless : hence when laws are rigidly enforced against them, many are sent to the Penitentiary. It is a great wrong that we now have a hundred and fifty boys under twenty years of age, excluded from all reformatory influences, and confined with hundreds of trained experts in crime. Let us have a reformatory, as other States have. Let a good man cheer these boys with hope, instruct them in morals, and as soon as they can be trusted, restore them to usefulness. If we continue to degrade their souls, they will become confirmed criminals, and will be burdens on us for life. If we reform them they will always love and bless the State.

5. The present apprentice laws are considered so tyrannical, that very few boys or girls are willing to be apprenticed. Consequently, very few persons in our State are now learning trades. The laws relating to apprentices should, therefore, be revised. A boy ought not to be kept entirely destitute of pay; and his progress should be cheered by something more appropriate to his condition than an indefinite "horse," which may be dead at the end of his apprenticeship.

CONCLUSION.

Last summer we issued a catalogue giving information in regard to the Orphan Asylum. Copies of the same are here for distribution.

The receipts for the year, and the books, showing every item received and disbursed, are present for inspection. The Roll-book naming the orphans admitted and discharged is also ready for examination. I will take pleasure in explaining whatever is mysterious, and will try to answer honestly any pertinent inquiry.

I must be allowed to mention my gratitude to the officers and brethren of the Grand Lodge, for their uniform kindness; and to the good people of the State, for their continued and hearty co-operation in our work.

J. H. MILLS,
Superintendent.

Standing committees were announced as follows:

On Charters and Dispensations:

Bros. Charles R. Jones, James A. Leach and Arvil Sugg.

On Unfinished Business:

Bros. E. A. Wright, W. L. Wall and George S. Scruggs.

On Accounts and Claims:

Bros. James C. Munds, S. I. Sutton and C. B. Edwards.

On Grand Secretary's Books and Report:

Bros. S. H. Rountree, P. J. G. W., A. Thomas and J. C. Hartsell.

The special committee on Appeals was, also, announced as follows :

Bros. H. A. Gudger, J. W. Gidney and B. F. Bullock, Jr.

Bro. C. D. Rice introduced the following amendments to the Code, which were referred by title to the Committee on Jurisprudence :

Resolved, That Article XVII, Section 1, page 40, of the Code, be amended by striking out the words "by a majority of the Lodge," in line two.

Resolved, That Article XI, page 11, of the Constitution be and the same is hereby repealed.

Resolved, That Article VI, Section 7, page 23, be amended by striking out the word "not," in third line, and inserting the words "beginning with the lowest number," after the word "filled."

Resolved, That Section 5, page 19, of the Code, be amended by adding after the word "Jurisprudence," first line, the words "to consist of five," and after the word "appointment," in 10th line, the words "on the second day of the session."

Resolved, That Section 2, page 19, be amended by striking out all the section after the word "report," in line 5, and inserting the words "on the second day of the next succeeding Annual Communication ; and the Chairman shall be paid such compensation for his services as may be agreed upon by the Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary."

Representatives of other Grand Lodges, who were present, received a fraternal greeting, viz :

M. W., George W. Blount, P. G. M., Grand Lodge of Canada.

M. W., John Nichols, P. G. M., Grand Lodges of Chili and Wisconsin.

M. W., Henry F. Grainger, G. M., Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

R. W. Thomas S. Kenan, P. D. G. M., Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

R. W., Robert Bingham, S. G. W., Grand Lodge of Michigan.

R. W., Donald W. Bain, G. S., Grand Lodges of Alabama, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, New Jersey, Tennessee and Texas.

Bro. Fabius H. Busbee, P. M., Grand Lodge of Arkansas.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH, 1882.

THE Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor. The proceedings of last evening's session were read and approved.

R. W., Robert Bingham, Senior Grand Warden, and Bros. W. T. Kennedy, Senior Grand Deacon, and A. H. A. Williams, Grand Marshal, appeared and occupied their stations.

The Committee on Unfinished Business, through Bro. E. A. Wright, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Your Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1881, and find no unfinished business, except on page 47, the notice made by Bro. John Nichols, Past Grand Master, concerning that part of the Grand Master's address, recommending an amendment to the uniform code of by-laws, regulating the restoration to membership of members of Lodges excluded for non-payment of dues, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, with instructions to report such an amendment to the Grand Lodge at this Annual Communication.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. WRIGHT,
GEO. S. SCRUGGS,
W. L. WALL,

Committee.

The Special Committee on the Grand Master's address, presented their report, through Bro. Jas. W. Reid, D. G. M., which was read and adopted :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

The Committee to whom was referred the Address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, have had the same under consideration and respectfully recommend that its several parts be divided and referred to committees as follows :

- I. That part relating to the "Grand Master's Prerogatives," "Pay of Ex-

penses of Grand Master," and the "Election of Grand Officers," to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

2. That portion relating to Deaths, to a Special Committee on Obituaries.

3. That portion relating to the Orphan Asylum, and subjects incident thereto, to the Committee on the Orphan Asylum.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. W. REID,
SAMUEL H. ROUNTREE,
JOHN NICHOLS,
Committee.

Resolutions were introduced and disposed of as follows:

By Bro. C. D. Rice:

Resolved, That the dues of Bro. D. Barclift, to Centre Hill Lodge, No. 260, now extinct, be, and the same are hereby remitted, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to grant Bro. Barclift a dimit.

Referred to a special committee composed of Bros. J. W. Cotten, C. D. Rice and H. J. Sauls.

By Bro. S. D. Booth:

Resolved, That the office of Assistant Superintendent of the Orphan Asylum be abolished.

Read and referred to the Committee on the Orphan Asylum.

By Bro. W. L. Wall:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to grant dimitts to members of extinct Lodges who were in good standing at the time their Lodges became extinct, on payment of two dollars to the Grand Secretary in each case.

Read and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

By Bro. James A. Leach, amendment to Sec. 2, of Article VI, page 22, of the Code:

The members of dormant or extinct Lodges who were in good standing at the times their Lodges ceased to work, may be admitted to membership in the nearest Lodge having jurisdiction, by petition and the payment of the regular fee for admission required by said Lodge.

Read and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

By Bro. W. T. Kennedy :

A resolution to create the office of physician to the Orphan Asylum, to be appointed biennially by the Grand Master on the recommendation of the Superintendent, and prescribing his duties.

Read and referred to the Committee on the Orphan Asylum.

By Bro. John W. Cotten :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to report to this Grand Lodge a list of all Lodges that have paid their dues to the Grand Lodge, and are thereby entitled to representation in accordance with Article VII of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, page 24 of the Code.

Adopted.

The statement having been prepared, proceedings under the resolution were suspended.

The following committees were announced :

On the Orphan Asylum :

Bros. George W. Blount, P. G. M., H. A. Gudger, W. L. Wall, S. H. Hilton, S. D. Booth, W. H. Applewhite and J. W. Cotten.

On Obituaries :

Bros. George W. Blount, John Nichols, P. G. Ms, and A. M. Noble.

Owing to the necessary absence of the members of the Committee on Jurisprudence, the Grand Master appointed Bros. James W. Reid, D. G. M., J. Q. Jackson and Eugene Grissom, P. D. G. M., to constitute that committee.

Bro. H. A. Gudger announced the continued sickness of R. W., Bro. W. E. Anderson, Grand Treasurer, and, upon his motion, the Grand Lodge expressed its sympathy for Bro. Anderson, and excused him from attendance on this Annual Communication.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH, 1882.

THE Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 3 o'clock.

Bro. A. M. Noble introduced the following, which was read and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

Strike out all after *Raleigh* in Section 1, Article IV of the By-Laws, and insert the words "on the Tuesday after the second Monday of December in each and every year."

Committees were announced as follows:

On Work, Proceedings and Returns of Subordinate Lodges:

No. 1, Bros. J. M. Fleming, J. W. Perdew and D. C. White.

No. 2, Bros. E. B. Neave, H. E. Hoggard and C. T. Barwick.

No. 3, Bros. A. J. Johnson, N. Long and C. D. Rice.

Also, Bro. J. C. Jacobs, on Committee No. 1, on Suspensions and Expulsions, and Bro. A. M. Noble, on Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to fill vacancies.

Reports of Standing Committees were presented as follows, which were read and adopted.

By Bro. Charles R. Jones, from the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations have the honor to submit the following partial report:

1st. The committee had before it a petition from certain Masons, former members of Perseverance Lodge, No. 59, at Plymouth, now extinct, praying for a restoration of the old charter, seal and records of said Lodge. The committee is anxious to recommend that which is best for the Masonic order, and only that, and to that end they would respectfully suggest that the old charter be not restored, but that the prayer of the petitioners be granted in so far as they ask for a new charter, and that Brothers R. S. Goelet, J. W. Latham, Jos. A. Latham, J. M. Beasley, J. M. Reid, Isaac T. Hassell, Wm. Rankin, and Jno. M. Bateman, be constituted a new Lodge of this order, with all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto, and we further recommend that all dues of the aforementioned brethren of the said new Lodge, due the old Lodge, be remitted up to the time of the assembling of this Grand Lodge.

2d. That the prayer of Seaboard Lodge, U. D., asking for a charter, be granted, and that the By-Laws submitted be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

3d. That the prayer of Coharie Lodge, U. D., for a charter, be granted,

4th. We respectfully recommend that Johnston-Caswell Lodge, No. 10, be restored, to be located at Warrenton, and that the dues of said Lodge be remitted up to the time of the meeting of this Grand Lodge.

CHAS. R. JONES,

ARVIL SUGG,

JAS. A. LEACH,

Committee.

[Charters were issued, bearing date December 6th, 1882, as follows:

Seaboard, Northampton county, No. 378; Coharie, Sampson county, No. 379.]

By Bro. Jas. C. Munds, from the Committee on Accounts and Claims:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Accounts and Claims, to whom were referred the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer, beg to report that they have carefully examined the same and find them correct.

Fraternally,

JAMES C. MUNDS,

S. I. SUTTON,

C. B. EDWARDS.

Committee.

By Bro. James W. Reid, D. G. M., from the Committee on Jurisprudence:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom were referred the resolutions introduced by brethren W. L. Wall and Jas. A. Leach in reference to members of extinct or dormant Lodges, recommend the adoption of the following amendment to Article VI, Section 2, of the Masonic Code of North Carolina : Strike out all after the first sentence of said section, and add the following : "When a Lodge has forfeited its charter and sent its records to the Grand Secretary, the former members of said Lodge may, upon a petition setting forth the said facts, become members of the nearest Lodge, or petition for a dispensation for a new Lodge.

That on the first day of June in every year the Secretary of each Subordinate Lodge shall transmit or present to each member his account for dues for the current Masonic year, and if any member shall fail to pay the legal amount charged against him for three months after he shall have received the account, he shall be summoned to appear at the next ensuing regular communication of the Lodge to show cause why he should not be dismembered and if he fail to appear, or present to the Lodge a satisfactory explanation of his delinquency, he shall be declared by the Master dismembered. Any member dismembered shall be restored to membership by the payment of the full amount that may have accrued prior to, and during the time of his dismemberment, unless the latter shall be remitted by a vote of the Lodge ; and that this amendment, as to restoration to membership, shall apply to members heretofore excluded for the non-payment of dues."

Your committee further report that they have carefully considered the resolutions introduced by Bro. C. D. Rice, and recommend that the Grand Lodge do not concur in the 1st, 2d, and 3d of said resolutions, and that the 4th resolution be adopted. In relation to the 5th resolution introduced by Bro. Rice, your committee recommend the adoption thereof, save that the compensation referred to shall be such as shall be agreed upon by the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE GRISSOM,
J. Q. JACKSON,
JAS. W. REID,
Committee.

The committee to whom was referred the resolution to remit the dues of D. Barclift, owing to Centre Hill Lodge, No. 260, now extinct, reported the same back and recommended its passage.

The report was adopted.

The Grand Secretary, in behalf of Bro. H. H. Munson,

P. G. M., introduced the following resolution, which was read and referred to the Committee on the Orphan Asylum :

WHEREAS, Continued interest is manifested in the orphan work, together with a hearty desire for its increased usefulness; and, with a view to keep its wants always in mind, therefore,

Resolved, That copies of the photograph of the Orphan Asylum buildings be procured at the expense of the Grand Lodge, and sold for the benefit of the asylum, to all who desire them, thus keeping alive in our hearts its daily necessities and the glorious work it is performing.

The Grand Master, on the presentation of the question involved, made the following decision, which was accepted :

By Article X of the Constitution, "no new charter shall be granted, but, upon the petition of at least seven known and approved Master Masons," By Sec. I, Art. VI of the By-Laws and Edicts of the Grand Lodge, "dispensations for new Lodges may be granted upon petition to the Grand Master, or the Deputy Grand Master, of not less than seven worthy Master Masons." Seven worthy and approved Master Masons being the smallest number to whom the Grand Lodge can grant a charter, or the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master a dispensation for a new Lodge, it follows that, whenever the membership of any Lodge is reduced by any cause below seven, its legal existence thereupon ceases, and it cannot thenceforth do any work or transact any business whatever. Its property, furniture, jewels, funds, &c., become forfeited to the Grand Lodge, to be taken into possession and disposed of as directed in cases of suspension or demise of a Lodge.

Bro. C. D. Rice introduced the following resolutions, which were read and made the special order for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock :

WHEREAS, P. G. M., Clark, Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1871 and 1872, pages 15 and 24 ; P. G. M., Blount, Proceedings 1875 and 1876, pages 15, 18 and 19 ; P. G. M., Munson, Proceedings 1877, page 11, and Grand Master Grainger, Proceedings 1882, recommended, in their annual addresses, that the Grand Lodge adopt a system of District Deputy Grand Masters, for the welfare of the craft in this Grand Jurisdiction ; and whereas, the Grand Lodge, at its session of 1876, took action as follows :

"Bro. C. D. Rice, from the Special Committee on work, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Your Committee, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's address which relates to Work, beg leave to report that they heartily concur in the suggestions of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the necessity of taking steps whereby uniformity in the work shall, as far as possible, be attained, but, in consequence of the short time which your committee have had to consider the subject, they have been unable to perfect a plan, which they are willing to offer to the Grand Lodge, and, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, to perfect a plan in accordance with the suggestions of the Grand Master, and report at the next Annual Communication, and suggest such amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws as will be necessary to carry the plan into successful operation.

(Signed) SAMUEL H. ROUNTREE.

B. WALKER,

C. D. RICE,

H. F. GRAINGER,

WILLIAM SIMPSON,

Committee.

The Grand Master appointed Brethren Samuel H. Rountree, Bernice Walker, C. D. Rice, H. F. Grainger, and William Simpson, to constitute the committee provided for in the resolution embraced in the foregoing report."

Which committee, at considerable labor, recommended a plan in accordance with instructions of the Grand Lodge, which was promptly rejected without discussion ; and, whereas, the following report and resolutions were presented at the session of the Grand Lodge of 1881 :

"To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

The committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's Address relating to the establishment of District Deputy Grand Masters in this Grand Jurisdiction, beg leave to report that they have considered the subject, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, 1. That the best interests of the craft require the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters.

Resolved 2. That the Grand Master appoint a sufficient number of brethren in the various sections of the State to act as such deputies.

Resolved 3. That the State be divided into districts of such size, and numbered, that each Subordinate Lodge may be visited at least once a year by the District Deputy Grand Master of the district.

Resolved 4. That the duties of the District Deputy Grand Master shall be to visit each Lodge in his district once a year at a regular Communication, giving

thirty days notice to the Lodge of his intended visit. When admitted in the Lodge, he shall inspect the records of the Lodge, point out any errors he may observe, and recommend their correction; expound Masonic law, and render a written report annually to the Grand Master by the first day of December. The duties of the District Deputy Grand Masters shall be strictly those of inspection, and such others as may be required of them by the Grand Master.

Resolved, 5. That the Subordinate Lodges be requested to pay the actual necessary expenses of the District Deputy Grand Masters of each official visit.

C. D. RICE,

For Committee."

which were read, considered and rejected.

Now, therefore, resolved, That the 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th of the above resolutions be and the same are hereby adopted.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until this evening at 7½ o'clock.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH, 1882.

THE Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor. Bro. Thomas S. Kenan, P. D. G. M., introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the superintendent of the Orphan Asylum be directed to receive into the asylum William Fowler and Iola Fowler, grand-children of the Grand Tiler, Bro. Miles Goodwin, under the same rules as apply to other children.

Reports of Standing Committees were presented as follows and adopted:

By Bro. C. D. Rice, from Committee No. 3, on Work, Proceedings and Returns of Subordinate Lodges:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee, No. 3, on Work, Proceedings and Returns of Subordinate

Lodges, have examined the returns of fifty-six Lodges, and find them correct, except the following :

Without date of charter—Harmony, No. 340 ; Double Shoals, No. 356 ; Rock Spring, No. 341 ; Pamlico, No. 300 ; Winton, No. 327 ; Cumberland, No. 364 ; Kinston, No. 316, which last have no seal nor signature of the Secretary ; Acacia, No. 361 ; Palmyra, No. 338, no signature of Secretary ; Bayboro, No. 331, not signed by Secretary ; Time of regular meeting not stated by Bakersville, No. 357 ; and Lock's Creek, No. 333, is recorded as meeting only on the 25th June and 27th December.

A. J. JOHNSON,
C. D. RICE,
NORMAN LONG,
Committee.

By Bro. S. H. Rountree, P. J. G. W., from the Committee on Grand Secretary's Books and Report :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Your Committee, to whom were referred the Books and Report of the Grand Secretary, have had the same under careful consideration and beg leave to report.

First—As to the delinquent Lodges referred to by the Grand Secretary, we would recommend that all that do not come forward and meet their delinquencies and resume work in a reasonable time, the law be enforced and their charters be called for.

Second—As to dues of members of extinct Lodges, a resolution having already been introduced and referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, we would recommend the adoption of said resolution.

The Books of the Grand Secretary we have carefully examined and find them perfect, and would therefore recommend a vote of thanks from this Grand Lodge to Bro. D. W. Bain for the efficient manner in which he has performed all his duties.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL H. ROUNTREE,
J. C. HARTSELL,
Committee.

By Bro. J. M. Fleming, from Committee No. 1, on Work, Proceedings and Returns of Subordinate Lodges :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Your Committee No. 1, on Work, Proceedings and Returns of Subordinate

Lodges have examined the returns of fifty-six Lodges and find them correct, except the following:

Hiram, No. 98; Perquimans, No. 106, and Junaluska, No. 145, without date of charter; Concord, No. 58; Kilwinning, No. 64, and Belmont, No. 108, with year, but not month and day; Archer, No. 165, without seal, and King Solomon, No. 56, without signature of secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN M. FLEMING,

J. W. PERDEW,

D. C. WHITE,

Committee.

Bro. James W. Reid, D. G. M., from the Committee on Jurisprudence, submitted the following report, which was read and postponed until to-morrow:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the resolution of Bro. A. M. Noble in regard to changing the time of holding the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge, recommend the adoption of the following:

In Article IV, Section 1, of the amendments to the Masonic Code of North Carolina, strike out all after Raleigh and insert "on the second Tuesday of January in each and every year.

JAS. W. REID,

J. Q. JACKSON,

For the Committee.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, under the superintendence of Bros. W. R. Kenan, J. B. Neathery, W. L. Wall and J. M. Gudger.

The following were duly elected:

ROBERT BINGHAM, ----- *Grand Master.*
CHARLES H. ROBINSON, ----- *Senior Grand Warden.*
WILLIAM T. KENNEDY, ----- *Junior Grand Warden.*
WILLIAM E. ANDERSON, ----- *Grand Treasurer.*
DONALD W. BAIN, ----- *Grand Secretary.*

Bro. J. H. Mills was elected Superintendent of the Oxford Orphan Asylum.

Bro. A. H. A. Williams moved that a committee be appointed to inform the Grand Officers of their election and arrange for their installation on to-morrow at noon. The motion was adopted, and Bros. Williams, C. R. Jones and W. L. Wall were appointed the committee.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 1882.

THE Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 10 o'clock.

The proceedings of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The special order for this hour, being the resolutions of Bro. C. D. Rice, providing for the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters, was announced.

The resolutions were read and rejected.

An invitation from Mr. John B. Burwell, Principal of Peace Institute, inviting the members of the Grand Lodge to visit that institution this afternoon from half-past four to half-past five o'clock, was received and accepted with proper acknowledgments, in behalf of all personally, who may be able to be present at the time indicated.

Bro. W. R. Kenan, from Committee No. 2, on Suspensions and Expulsions, submitted the following report :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Your Committee No. 2, on Suspensions and Expulsions beg leave to report as follows:

WINSTON LODGE; No. 167, *vs.* P. E. LEIGHT. Charge, disobeying legal summons. Sentence, expulsion.

IREDELL LODGE, No. 362, *vs.* R. L. GOODMAN. Charge, disobeying legal summons. Sentence, suspension for twelve months.

IREDELL LODGE, No. 362, *vs.* W. H. BARNES. Charge, disobeying legal summons. Sentence, suspension for twelve months.

The above sentences are approved.

In the case of BLACKMER LODGE, No. 127, *vs.* J. D. HAYWOOD, charged with refusing to pay for a still, we recommend that the proceedings of the Lodge be set aside, the sentence reversed and the brother restored to the rights of the order, because we do not think it a subject for masonic investigation.

NEW LIGHT LODGE, No. 215, *vs.* J. M. DAVIS. The record in this case is incomplete, but we excuse it from the fact that this is the fourth time the case has been before this Grand Body. In view of this Lodge having violated an edict of the Grand Lodge, we feel it to be our duty to recommend an arrest of charter.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. KENAN,
S. H. ROUNTREE.
Committee.

On motion of Bro. Geo. W. Blount, P. G. M., the report was recommitted to the committee for further consideration of the case of New Light Lodge, No. 215, and modification of its recommendation concerning said Lodge.

The committee subsequently presented its report, recommending that "the Grand Secretary serve a notice on said Lodge to appear at the next Annual Communication and show cause why its charter should not be arrested."

After further consideration of this paragraph of the report, on motion of Bro. H. A. Gudger, the original recommendation of the committee as to said New Light Lodge, No. 215, was adopted.

The entire report was then adopted.

Reports of committees were presented as follows and adopted:

By Bro. E. B. Neave, from Committee No. 2, on Work, Proceedings and Returns of Subordinate Lodges:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Your Committee No. 2, on Work, Proceedings and Returns of Subordinate Lodges, have examined the returns of forty-five Lodges, and find them correct, except Randleman Lodge, No. 209; County Line Lodge, No. 224; Excelsior Lodge, No. 261; Greenville Lodge, No. 284, and Edgecombe Lodge, No. 298, which are without date of charter. The returns of Eureka Lodge, No. 283, are without time of regular communication.

Fraternally submitted,

E. B. NEAVE,
H. E. HOGGARD,
C. T. BARWICK,
Committee.

By Bro. E. A. Wright, from Committee No. 1, on Suspensions and Expulsions :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

The undersigned Committee No. 1, on Suspensions and Expulsions, beg leave to report that cases have been submitted and examined as follows:

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1, *vs.* T. H. JOHNSON. Charge, obtaining money for charitable purpose and appropriating it to his own use. Sentence, expulsion. Confirmed. Transcript in the main correct.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1, *vs.* J. W. ZIMMERMAN. Charge, drunkenness and adultery. Sentence, indefinite suspension. Confirmed. Transcript correct.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1, *vs.* J. W. ZIMMERMAN. Charge, drunkenness. Sentence, expulsion. Confirmed: Transcript correct.

ROUNTREE LODGE, No. 243, *vs.* H. F. BROOKS. Charge, forcible trespass while drunk. Sentence, indefinite suspension. Confirmed. Transcript correct.

LEE LODGE, No. 253, *vs.* A. T. SMITH. Charge, drunkenness and boisterous conduct, disturbing religious meeting. Sentence, expulsion. Confirmed. Transcript correct.

PALMYRA LODGE, No. 147, *vs.* W. H. ALLEN, J. A. ENNIS and HINTON ENNIS. Charge, disobeying legal summons. Sentence, indefinite suspension. Confirmed. Transcript correct.

E. A. WRIGHT,
J. C. JACOBS,
Committee.

By Bro. George W. Blount, P. G. M., from the Committee on the Orphan Asylum :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina ;

The Committee on Orphan Asylum begs leave to report:

That from the address of the Grand Master, the report of the Superintendent and the general approval manifest in manifold ways, we are constrained to offer the congratulations of each individual member of the committee to the Grand Lodge and to the fraternity at large for still further and increasing prosperity of our cherished institution—the Orphan Asylum.

1. We hereby renew our thanks to the various organizations and benevolent individuals, who have continued to contribute to its support and particularly to the Legislature of North Carolina and to the Governor of the State for the interest manifested in its sustenance.

2. We recommend the appropriation of two thousand dollars from the Treasury of the Grand Lodge to be paid by the Grand Treasurer to the Superintendent, whenever and in whatever instalments he may require.

3. We recommend the continued publication of the *Orphans' Friend* as a weekly paper, and that a committee, consisting of the Superintendent, the Grand Master and one brother to be designated by the Grand Master, shall make the necessary arrangements for such continuance under such plans as to them may seem best for the interest of the asylum.

4. That the clause allowing the Superintendent to make exception to the required ages for the reception of children be rescinded.

5. That the Superintendent be instructed to attend the next Conference of the National Board of Charities and Corrections, to be held in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1883, if his duties will permit.

6. That a committee be appointed to memorialize the next Legislature of North Carolina to appoint an inspector of Public Charities, and that the members of this committee also ask the legislature for appropriate legislation looking to and effectuating the transfer of the devise and bequest of the late E. F. Powell, of Halifax, to the proper authority of the Orphan Asylum.

7. That this committee has, in a very general way, examined the books and accounts of the Superintendent and find that, so far as it is able to determine in the short time allowed, the receipts and disbursements are properly accounted for and that the report of the Superintendent in that regard is correct. We recommend the appointment of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary to examine the books and accounts of the Superintendent and make report to each session of the Grand Lodge. Such report to embrace the receipts and disbursements up to the 30th of November.

8. We approve the action of the Superintendent in regard to the erection of buildings for the male department and dining rooms.

9. That we appreciate the sentiment of the mover of the resolution to have photographs of the asylum buildings printed and put on sale; but cannot ask the Grand Lodge to embark in such an enterprise and, therefore, recommend that the resolution do not pass.

10. We have considered the resolution, referred to the committee in reference to appointment of a physician to the asylum, and recommend that it do not pass.

G. W. BLOUNT,
W. L. WALL,
S. H. HILTON,
JOHN^d W. COTTEN,
H. A. GUDGER,
W. H. APPLEWHITE,
S. D. BOOTH,
Committee.

Bros. J. S. Battle, W. H. Bailey and John Nichols, P. G. M., were appointed the committee authorized in section six of foregoing report.

Bro. James W. Reid, D. G. M., from the Committee on Jurisprudence, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee, in reference to those portions of the Grand Master's Address which were referred to them, beg leave to report as follows:

The decisions of the M. W. Grand Master, upon questions involving the prerogatives of the Grand Master have been duly and carefully considered. Upon all such questions within *proper jurisdiction*, the best judgment and conscience of the Grand Master are the proper *criteria* of action. The facts and circumstances being in his possession he alone is best qualified to judge of the question of propriety. Upon this view of the case we sustain the action of the Grand Master in the premises, while a contrary decision and action upon equal conscientious motives would have been equally correct. Masonic law embraces not only the *lex scripta* but *lex non scripta*. The latter includes in its circle the Grand Master's *Prerogatives*, one of which is the power of *dispensation*; and, when properly determined, is as *sacred* and *inviolable* as the *former*. The Grand Master is the custodian in the several jurisdictions of Masonic Tradition. It is his duty to *transmit* this code as pure as he received it.

In reference to the official visitations alluded to by the Grand Master, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

That the Grand Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to pay to the Grand Master an amount not exceeding three hundred dollars per annum, to defray his actual expenses incurred in official visitations to the subordinate Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction: *Provided*, that no Grand Master shall render any account for expenses when such visitation was made at a time, when he was called

to the place of visitation by public or private business, other than masonic, requiring his presence.

The suggestions of the Grand Master, in relation to the election of Grand Officers, and his construction of the law in regard thereto, should, in the opinion of your Committee, be strictly observed.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. REID,
J. Q. JACKSON,
EUGENE GRISSOM,
Committee.

Bro. A. H. A. Williams, from the Committee to make arrangements for the installation of Grand Officers, reported the duty performed and that M. W., George W. Blount, P. G. M., would install the Grand Officers this day at noon.

The Grand Master elect made his appointments of Grand Officers and they, with those elected on last evening, were installed by P. G. M. Blount, assisted by Bro. John W. Cotten, acting as Grand Marshal.

ELECTED OFFICERS:

ROBERT BINGHAM,.....*Grand Master.*
CHARLES H. ROBINSON,.....*Senior Grand Warden.*
WILLIAM T. KENNEDY,.....*Junior Grand Warden.*
WILLIAM E. ANDERSON,.....*Grand Treasurer,*
(By Charles R. Jones, proxy.)
DONALD W. BAIN,.....*Grand Secretary.*

APPOINTED OFFICERS:

FABIUS H. BUSBEE,.....*Deputy Grand Master.*
THOMAS J. ALLISON,.....*Grand Chaplain,*
(By E. A. Wright, proxy.)
SAMUEL H. SMITH,.....*Senior Grand Deacon.*
JOHN W. GIDNEY,.....*Junior Grand Deacon.*
JOHN W. COTTEN,.....*Grand Marshal.*

The resolution was adopted, and Bros. J. S. Battle, W. H. Bailey and John Nichols, P. G. M., were appointed the committee therein provided.

Bro. H. F. Grainger, P. G. M., from the Special Committee, appointed at the last Annual Communication, in the matter of investment of certain funds, presented the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee appointed at the last annual communication, to report how the money received by the Grand Treasurer on the United States bond given by the late B. F. Moore to the Orphan Asylum, shall be invested, respectfully recommend that the Grand Treasurer lend said money on real estate security for such time as he may think best, with interest at eight per cent. per annum, to be paid annually. The cash value of the real estate shall be at least twice the amount of the money lent.

H. F. GRAINGER,
G. W. BLOUNT,
F. H. BUSBEE,
Committee.

Bro. E. A. Wright introduced the following resolution, which was read and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge hereby tenders its thanks to the authorities of the several transportation lines, and the hotels and boarding houses of this city, for courtesies extended to members of this Grand Body.

The following standing committees were announced:

On Jurisprudence:

Bros. Edwin G. Reade, P. G. M., H. F. Grainger, P. G. M., Thomas S. Kenan, P. D. G. M., James W. Reid, P. D. G. M., and Robert T. Gray.

On Suspensions and Expulsions:

No. 1. Bros. J. Q. Jackson, B. F. Bullock, Jr., and A. H. A. Williams.

No. 2. Bros. Geo. W. Blount, P. G. M., W. R. Kenan and A. M. Noble.

On Propositions and Grievances :

Bros. John Nichols, P. G. M., R. T. Stephenson and W. L. Wall.

On Foreign Correspondence :

Bro. J. C. L. Harris.

On Printing :

Bros. W. E. Anderson, G. T., D. W. Bain, G. S., and John Nichols, P. G. M.

On Credentials :

Bros. J. B. Neathery, James C. Munds and James A. Leach.

The Committee on Obituaries presented the following report, which was accepted and ordered to be published :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

It having pleased the Supreme Grand Master to remove our Past Grand Master, PLEASANT A. HOLT, from the labors of the quarry to the rest of the Temple, it becomes our duty while we drop the fraternal tear at the loss of so useful and skilful a craftsman, to submit unobtrusively to the will of our Heavenly Father, and address ourselves to the all-important task of setting our own habitations in order so that when the hoary Reaper shall summon us to the place prepared for us in the Mansion of the skies, we may welcome him as a kind messenger who bringeth joyful tidings.

Our illustrious brother was twice honored with the officer of Grand Master of Masons, and was twice elected as Grand King of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina. He had by his skill in the Masonic art; his zeal for the good of our noble order; his largeness of heart and his labors of love; his kindly sympathy and counsels, and by his faithfulness in the discharge of every duty, endeared himself to the whole fraternity, and it but honored itself in honoring him with the first place in the gift of the Grand Lodge.

" We weep for our loved one, all cold in his shroud,
Yet know he hath entered the land where no cloud
Bedims the clear light,
Through eternity bright
From the stars in his crown."

JOHN NICHOLS,
for Committee.

The proceedings of this day's session were read and approved.

The Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

ROBERT BINGHAM,

Grand Master.

ATTEST:

DONALD W. BAIN,

Grand Secretary.

LODGES .

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.
St. John's,-----	1	Wilmington,-----	New Hanover.
Royal White Hart, ---	2	Halifax,-----	Halifax.
St. John's,-----	3	Newbern,-----	Craven.
Charity,-----	5	Windsor,-----	Bertie
Unanimity,-----	7	Edenton,-----	Chowan.
Phoenix,-----	8	Fayetteville,-----	Cumberland.
Johnston Caswell,-----	10	Warrenton,-----	Warren.
American George,-----	17	Murfreesboro,-----	Hertford.
Phalanx,-----	31	Charlotte,-----	Mecklenburg.
Davie,-----	39	Roxobel,-----	Bertie.
Hiram,-----	40	Raleigh,-----	Wake.
Hall,-----	53	Indian Town,-----	Currituck.
King Solomon,-----	56	Jackson,-----	Northampton.
Concord,-----	58	Tarboro,-----	Edgecombe.
Kilwinning,-----	64	Wadesboro,-----	Anson.
Scotland Neck,-----	68	Scotland Neck,-----	Halifax.
Widow's Son,-----	73	Camden, C. H.,-----	Camden.
Greensboro,-----	76	Greensboro,-----	Guilford.
Zion,-----	81	Trenton,-----	Jones.
Fellowship,-----	84	Smithfield,-----	Johnston.
Morning Star,-----	85	Nashville,-----	Nash.
Skewarkey,-----	90	Williamston,-----	Martin.
Western Star,-----	91	Rutherfordton,-----	Rutherford.
Joseph Warren,-----	92	Stantonsburg,-----	Wilson.
Jerusalem,-----	95	Hookerton,-----	Greene.
St. John's,-----	96	Kinston,-----	Lenoir.
Wake Forest,-----	97	Neuse,-----	Wake.
Hiram,-----	98	Clinton,-----	Sampson.
Fulton,-----	99	Salisbury,-----	Rowan.
Warren,-----	101	Kenansville,-----	Duplin.
Orr,-----	104	Washington,-----	Beaufort.
Perquimans,-----	106	Hertford,-----	Perquimans.
Clinton,-----	107	Yanceyville,-----	Caswell.
Belmont,-----	108	Faison,-----	Duplin.
Franklin,-----	109	Beaufort,-----	Carteret.
Wayne,-----	112	Goldsboro,-----	Wayne.
Holly Spring,-----	115	Holly Spring,-----	Wake.
Mount Lebanon,-----	117	Wilson,-----	Wilson.
Mount Hermon,-----	118	Asheville,-----	Buncombe.
Tuscarora,-----	122	Oxford,-----	Granville.
Franklinton,-----	123	Franklinton,-----	Franklin.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Mill Creek,	125	Newton Grove,	Sampson.
Blackmer,	127	Mount Gilead,	Montgomery.
Hanks,	128	Franklinsville,	Randolph.
Conoho,	131	Hamilton,	Martin.
Radiance,	132	Snow Hill,	Greene.
Mocksville,	134	Mocksville,	Davie.
Lincoln,	137	Lincolnton,	Lincoln.
King Solomon,	138	Burgaw,	Pender.
Mount Energy,	140	Mount Energy,	Granville.
Carolina,	141	Ansonville,	Anson.
Junaluska,	145	Franklin,	Macon.
Cherokee,	146	Murphy,	Cherokee.
Palmyra,	147	Averasboro,	Harnett.
Adoniram,	149	Brownsville,	Granville.
Chalmers,	151	Gulf,	Chatham.
Scotch Ireland,	154	Mount Vernon,	Rowan.
White Stone,	155	Wakefield,	Wake.
Rolesville,	156	Rolesville,	Wake.
Mount Pleasant,	157	Rogers' Store,	Wake.
Knap of Reeds,	158	Knap of Reeds,	Granville.
Rock Rest,	161	Hadley's Mills,	Chatham.
Yadkin,	162	Yadkinville,	Yadkin.
Deep River,	164	Foust's Mills,	Randolph.
Archer,	165	Clayton,	Johnston.
Winston,	167	Winston,	Forsythe.
Blackmer,	170	Weaverville,	Buncombe.
George Washington,	174	Elm Grove,	Chatham.
Polloksville,	175	Polloksville,	Jones.
Mecklenburg,	176	Davidson College,	Mecklenburg.
Siloam,	178	Harrell's Store,	Sampson.
Sandy Creek,	185	Laurel,	Franklin.
Pine Forest,	186	Harrington,	Harnett.
Central Cross,	187	Peach Tree Grove,	Nash.
Fair Bluff,	190	Fair Bluff,	Columbus.
Granite,	191	Clayton,	Johnston.
Burnsville,	192	Burnsville,	Yancey.
Cary,	198	Cary,	Wake.
Eagle Rock,	201	Eagle Rock,	Wake.
Cleveland,	202	Shelby,	Cleveland.
Roanoke,	203	Weldon,	Halifax.
Berea,	204	Oxford,	Granville.
Mingo,	206	Bass,	Sampson.
Lebanon,	207	Whiteville,	Columbus.
Mount Olive,	208	Mount Olive,	Wayne.
Randleman,	209	High Point,	Guilford.
Eno,	210	Durham,	Durham.
Richland,	214	Thomasville,	Davidson.
Catawba Valley,	217	Morganton,	Burke.
William G. Hill,	218	Raleigh,	Wake.
Stokesburg,	220	Walnut Cove,	Stokes.
Webster,	222	Elevation,	Johnston.
County Line,	224	River Hill,	Iredell.
Haw River,	225	Oak Ridge,	Guilford.
Wilson,	226	Olin,	Iredell.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Jonesville,	227	Elkin, (Surry).....	Yadkin.
McCormick,	228	Broadway,	Moore.
Corinthian,	230	Rocky Mount,	Nash.
William T. Bain,	231	Raleigh,	Wake.
Lenoir,	233	LaGrange,	Lenoir.
Anchor,	234	Auburn,	Wake.
Cokesbury,	235	Chalk Level,	Harnett.
Atlantic,	238	Currituck C. H.,	Currituck.
*Rountree,	243	Bell's Ferry, (Pitt).....	Lenoir.
Monroe,	244	Monroe,	Union.
New Berne,	245	New Berne,	Craven.
Pythagoras,	249	Smithville,	Brunswick.
Rockford,	251	Rockford,	Surry.
Lily Valley,	252	Sunbury,	Gates.
Lee,	253	Taylorsville,	Alexander.
Mount Bethel,	254	Aspen Grove,	Rockingham.
Oaks,	255	Oaks,	Orange.
Beulah,	257	Pine Level,	Johnston.
Harnett,	258	Winslow,	Harnett.
Waynesville,	259	Waynesville,	Haywood.
Excelsior,	261	Charlotte,	Mecklenburg.
Hibriten,	262	Lenoir,	Caldwell.
Gaston,	263	Dallas,	Gaston.
Farmington,	265	Farmington,	Davie.
Durbin,	266	Blockersville,	Cumberland.
Dunn's Rock,	267	Brevard,	Transylvania.
East Bend,	269	East Bend,	Yadkin.
Tabasco,	271	Gibsonville,	Guilford.
Mebaneville,	272	Bingham School,	Alamance.
Watauga,	273	Boone,	Watauga.
Beaver Dam,	276	Beaver Dam,	Union.
Green Level,	277	Green Level,	Wake.
Colesville,	278	Colesville,	Stokes.
Rehoboth,	279	Teachy's,	Duplin.
Sapona,	280	Egypt,	Chatham.
Eureka,	283	China Grove,	Rowan.
Greenville,	284	Greenville,	Pitt.
Castalia,	286	Castalia,	Nash.
Salem,	289	Salem,	Forsythe.
French Broad,	292	Marshall,	Madison.
Vance,	293	Grantsville,	Buncombe.
Atlantic,	294	Swan Quarter,	Hyde.
Stonewall,	296	Robersonville,	Martin.
Edgecombe,	298	Toisnot,	Wilson.
Hunting Creek,	299	Eagle Mills,	Iredell.
Pamlico,	300	Aurora,	Beaufort.
Clay,	301	Hayesville,	Clay.
*Evergreen,	303	Swann's Stati'n, (Moore)	Harnett.
*Pleasant Hill,	304	Kinston, (Lenoir)	Jones.
Laurinburg,	305	Laurinburg,	Richmond.
Galatia,	306	Fayetteville,	Cumberland.
Patterson,	307	Mount Pleasant,	Cabarrus.
*Randolph,	309	El Dorado, (Montg'm'y)	Randolph.
Hatcher,	310	Wilson,	Wilson.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Notla,	312	Murphy,	Cherokee.
King Solomon,	313	Lumber Bridge,	Robeson.
New Lebanon,	314	Soath Mills,	Camden.
Kinston,	316	Kinston,	Lenoir.
Eureka,	317	Elizabeth City,	Pasquotank.
Wilmington,	319	Wilmington,	New Hanover.
Selma,	320	Selma,	Johnston.
White Hill,	321	Greenwood,	Moore.
Granite,	322	Mount Airy,	Surry.
Wentworth,	324	Wentworth,	Rockingham.
Falling Creek,	325	Goldsboro,	Wayne.
Winton,	327	Winton,	Hertford.
Mattamuskeet,	328	Engelhard,	Hyde.
Fayetteville,	329	Fayetteville,	Cumberland.
Black Creek,	330	Black Creek,	Wilson.
Bayboro,	331	Bayboro,	Pamlico.
Goldsboro,	332	Goldsboro,	Wayne.
Lock's Creek,	333	Fayetteville,	Cumberland.
Roman Eagle,	334	Reidsville,	Rockingham.
Ash Pole,	335	Alfordsville,	Robeson.
Ionic,	337	Kittrell,	Vance.
Palmyra,	338	Palmyra,	Halifax.
Fairview,	339	King's Mountain,	Cleveland.
Harmony,	340	Pikeville,	Wayne.
Rock Spring,	341	Denver,	Lincoln.
Cedar Fork,	342	Morrisville,	Wake.
Hickory,	343	Hickory,	Catawba.
Numa F. Reid,	344	High Point,	Guilford.
Snow Creek,	345	Snow Creek,	Iredell.
Trap Hill,	346	Trap Hill,	Wilkes.
Mount Mourne,	347	Mount Mourne,	Iredell.
Stanly,	348	Albemarle,	Stanly.
Mount Moriah,	350	Battleboro,	Edgecombe.
Durham,	352	Durham,	Durham.
Moravian,	353	Moravian Falls,	Wilkes.
Euno,	354	New Hill,	Wake.
Dellaplane,	355	Dellaplane,	Wilkes.
Double Shoal,	356	Cleveland Mills,	Cleveland.
Bakersville,	357	Bakersville,	Mitchell.
East La Porte,	358	East La Porte,	Jackson.
Mount Vernon,	359	Stonewall,	Pamlico.
Mayon,	360	Ammon,	Bladen.
Acacia,	361	Belle Voir,	Chatham.
Iredell,	362	Mooresville,	Iredell.
Snow,	363	Sugar Grove,	Watauga.
Cumberland,	364	Gray's Creek,	Cumberland.
Marlboro,	365	Marlboro,	Pitt.
Craighead,	366	Huntersville,	Mecklenburg.
Jachin,	367	Clarkton,	Bladen.
Mount Pisgah,	368	Williams' Mill,	Chatham.
Air-Line,	369	Gastonia,	Gaston.
Mars Hill,	370	Mars Hill,	Madison.
Olive Branch,	371	Raleigh,	Wake.
Bethel,	372	Madra,	Anson.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Elk, -----	373	Elk Cross Roads,-----	Watauga.
Campbell, -----	374	Amity Hill, -----	Iredell.
†State Line, -----	375	Whitaker's,-----	Cleveland.
Life Boat,-----	376	Merry Oaks,-----	Chatham.
Youngsville,-----	377	Youngsville,-----	Franklin.
Seaboard, -----	378	Seaboard, -----	Northampton.
Coharie. -----	379	Huntley, -----	Sampson.

*The name in parenthesis indicates the county in which the post office of the Lodge is located.

†Post office, Whitaker's, Station, S. C.

STATEMENT

OF THE TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS OF LODGES
IN THIS JURISDICTION.

The asterisk (*) before certain Lodges indicates that the dates of regular Communications are taken from last returns received previous to the year 1882.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
St. John's, -----	1	Last Thursday evening.
Royal White Hart, --	2	Second Wednesday, June 24, December 27.
St. John's, -----	3	Second Wednesday evening.
Charity, -----	5	First Monday, June 24, December 27.
Unanimity, -----	7	First Tuesday evening, Monday of Court, June 24, December 27.
Phoenix, -----	8	First and third Friday evenings, June 24, December 27.
American George, --	17	First Saturday evening.
Phalanx, -----	31	Second and fourth Monday.
Davie, -----	39	Third Saturday, June 24, December 27.
Hiram, -----	40	Third Monday evening, June 24, December 27.
Hall, -----	53	First Saturday morning.
King Solomon, ----	56	First Saturday.
Concord, -----	58	First Friday evening, third Saturday morning.
Kilwinning, -----	64	First Monday night, June 24, December 27.
*Scotland Neck, ---	68	First and third Saturdays, June 24, December 27.
*Widow's Son, ----	75	Third Saturday morning.
Greensboro, -----	76	Saturday evening on or before full moon.
Zion, -----	81	Third Saturday.
Fellowship, -----	84	Second Saturday, Tuesday evening of Court.
Morning Star, ----	85	Fourth Saturday.
Skewarkey, -----	90	Second Tuesday evening.
Western Star, ----	91	Friday evening on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Joseph Warren, ---	92	First Thursday, June 24.
Jerusalem, -----	95	Second Saturday.
St. John's, -----	96	Second Wednesday, June 24, December 27,
Wake Forest, -----	97	Saturday before second Sunday.
Hiram, -----	98	Third Friday.
Fulton, -----	99	First and third Friday evenings.
Warren, -----	101	Thursday before second Sunday.
Orr, -----	104	First Tuesday evening.
Perquimans, -----	106	Every Friday evening, June 24, December 27.
*Clinton, -----	107	Second Saturday, June 24, December 27, Tuesday of Court.
Belmont, -----	108	First Saturday, June 24, December 27.
Franklin, -----	109	Last Thursday evening.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
Wayne,	112	First and third Monday evenings.
Holly Spring,	115	Saturday before third Sunday, June 24, Decemb'r 27.
Mount Lebanon,	117	Every Monday evening, second Thursday.
Mount Hermon,	118	First Friday evening.
Tuscarora,	122	First Monday evening; in December on second Monday evening.
Franklinton,	123	Last Saturday, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Mill Creek,	125	First Friday morning.
Blackmer,	127	Saturday on or before full moon, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Hanks,	128	Third Saturday evening, June 24, December 27.
*Conoho,	131	First Wednesday, at 2 P. M., third Wednesday, at 7 P. M.
Radianee,	132	Third Saturday, at 11 o'clock A. M.
*Mocksville,	134	Third Friday evening, Tuesday of Court, June 24, December 27.
Lincoln,	137	First Monday, Monday of Court week, June 24, December 27.
King Solomon,	138	Second Saturday, at 10 o'clock A. M.
Mount Energy,	140	First Saturday, at 2 o'clock P. M., December 27.
Carolina,	141	First Friday evening after full moon, June 24, December 27.
*Junaluska,	145	First and third Tuesday evenings.
*Cherokee,	146	Monday night on or before full moon.
Palmyra,	147	Third Saturday, June 24, December 27.
Adoniram,	149	Saturday before second Sunday, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Scotch Ireland,	154	Friday on or before full moon, June 24, Decemb'r 27.
White Stone,	155	Fourth Saturday, at 11 o'clock A. M., June 24.
Rolesville,	156	First Saturday, June 24, December 27.
Mount Pleasant,	157	Saturday before first Sunday, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Knap of Reeds,	158	Saturday before third Sunday, December 27.
Rock Rest,	161	Second Saturday, June 24, December 27.
Yadkin,	162	Saturday night after full moon.
Deep River,	164	Saturday evening before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Archer,	165	First Saturday, June 24, December 27.
Winston,	167	Second Monday evening, Tuesday evening of Court.
Blackmer,	170	Saturday on or before each full moon, June 24, December 27.
George Washington,	174	Saturday before fourth Sunday, December 27.
Pollocksville,	175	First Wednesday, June 24, December 27.
Mecklenburg,	176	Thursday on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Siloam,	178	Fourth Saturday, June 24, December 27.
*Sandy Creek,	185	First Saturday, June 24, December 27.
*Pine Forest,	186	Saturday on or before full moon.
Central Cross,	187	Second Saturday, December 27.
Fair Bluff,	190	Second Saturday, at 1 o'clock P. M., December 27.
Granite,	191	Third Saturday.
Burnsville,	192	Saturday before full moon, at 6 o'clock P. M.
Cary,	198	Thursday evening before second Sunday.
Eagle Rock,	201	Third Saturday.
Cleveland,	202	Friday evening before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Roanoke,	203	First Thursday, at 8 o'clock P. M.

NAMES OF LODGES.	No.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
Berea, -----	204	Saturday before fourth Sunday, June 24. December 27, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Mingo, -----	206	First Saturday, June 24, December 27.
Lebanon, -----	207	Saturday, at 3 P. M., on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
*Mount Olive, -----	208	Thursday before fourth Sunday, June 24, December 27.
Randleman, -----	209	First and third Saturday evenings.
*Eno, -----	210	Fourth Saturday.
Richland, -----	214	Friday evening before full moon, June 24, December 27.
William G. Hill, ---	218	Second and fourth Mondays, December 27.
Stokesburg, -----	220	First Saturday.
Webster, -----	222	Fourth Saturday, at 10 o'clock A. M.
County Line, -----	224	Friday on or before full moon.
*Haw River, -----	225	First Saturday, at 2 P. M., after each full moon, June 24, December 27.
Wilson, -----	226	Thursday evening on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Jonesville, -----	227	Saturday evening on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
McCormick, -----	228	Third Saturday, at 2 P. M.
Corinthian, -----	230	First Thursday evening.
William T. Bain, --	231	Saturday before third Sunday, June 24, Decemb'r 27.
Lenoir, -----	233	First Thursday.
Anchor, -----	234	Saturday before second Sunday, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Cokesbury, -----	235	Saturday before first Sunday, June 24, December 27.
Atlantic, -----	238	Fourth Saturday, December 27.
Rountree, -----	243	First Saturday, at 10 o'clock A. M.
Monroe, -----	244	First and third Friday evenings, June 24, December 27.
New Berne, -----	245	Third Wednesday.
Pythagoras, -----	249	First Thursday.
Rockford, -----	251	Saturday evening on or before full moon.
Lily Valley, -----	252	Fourth Saturday.
Lee, -----	253	First Saturday, Tuesday of Court, June 24, December 27.
*Mount Béthel, ---	254	First Saturday, June 24, December 27.
*Oaks, -----	255	Saturday before third Sunday, at 5 P. M.
Beulah, -----	257	Saturday before fourth Sunday, June 24, December 27.
Harnett, -----	258	Friday evening before first full moon, June 24, December 27.
Waynesville, -----	259	Friday evening on or before full moon.
Excelsior, -----	261	First and third Tuesday evenings.
Hibriten, -----	262	Thursday before full moon, Tuesday night of Court, June 24, December 27.
Gaston, -----	263	Friday evening after full moon, Monday evening of Court, June 24, December 27.
Farmington, -----	265	Second Friday evening, June 24, December 27.
*Durbin, -----	266	Second Friday morning.
Dunn's Rock, -----	267	Friday on or before the full moon, at 6:30 P. M.
East Bend, -----	269	Saturday on or before full moon.
Tabasco, -----	271	Second Saturday evening, June 24, December 27.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
Mebanville, -----	272	First Saturday evening.
Watauga, -----	273	Friday evening before full moon.
Beaver Dam, -----	276	Saturday on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Green Level, -----	277	Saturday before second Sunday, at 10 o'clock A. M.
Colesville, -----	278	Second Saturday, at 1 o'clock P. M.
Rehoboth, -----	279	Saturday before fourth Sunday, June 24, December 27.
Sapona, -----	280	Fourth Saturday, at 4 o'clock P. M.
*Eureka, -----	283	First Saturday, at 1 o'clock, P. M., June 24, December 27.
Greenville, -----	284	First Thursday, at 10 o'clock A. M., and first and third Monday evenings.
Castalia, -----	286	Fourth Saturday, at 1 o'clock P. M.
Salem, -----	289	First Thursday evening, June 24, December 27.
French Broad, -----	292	Friday on or before full moon.
Vance, -----	293	Thursday on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Atlantic, -----	294	Second Saturday, Tuesday evening of Court.
Stonewall, -----	296	Third Saturday, at 1 o'clock P. M.
Edgecombe, -----	298	Fourth Thursday.
*Hunting Creek, -----	299	Friday evening on or before full moon.
Pamlico, -----	300	First Saturday and third Saturday evening.
Clay, -----	301	Saturday on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Evergreen, -----	303	Third Saturday, at 2 P. M.
Pleasant Hill, -----	304	First Saturday.
Laurinburg, -----	305	Thursday evening on or before full moon, December 27.
Galatia, -----	306	Saturday evening on or before full moon.
Patterson, -----	307	Saturday on or before full moon.
Randolph, -----	309	Saturday on or before full moon.
Hatcher, -----	310	Third Saturday, June 24, December 27.
*Notla, -----	312	Third Saturday, at 10 A. M.
King Solomon, -----	313	First Saturday evening, December 27.
New Lebanon, -----	314	First Saturday, at 9 o'clock A. M.
Kinston, -----	316	First and third Monday evenings.
Eureka, -----	317	First Monday evening, June 24, December 27.
Wilmington, -----	319	Third Tuesday evening.
Selma, -----	320	Saturday before third Sunday, at 2 o'clock P. M.
White Hill, -----	321	Third Saturday evening, June 24, December 27.
Granite, -----	322	First Saturday evening.
Wentworth, -----	324	Saturday before third Sunday, at 3 o'clock P. M.
Falling Creek, -----	325	Saturday before third Sunday, June 24, December 27.
Winton, -----	327	Saturday before second Sunday.
Mattamuskeet, -----	328	Fourth Saturday, at 1 P. M.
Fayetteville, -----	329	Second and fourth Friday evenings.
Black Creek, -----	330	Third Saturday.
Bayboro, -----	331	Fourth Saturday, at 10 o'clock A. M.
*Goldsboro, -----	332	Second and Fourth Monday evenings.
Lock's Creek, -----	333	Fourth Saturday, June 24, December 27.
*Roman Eagle, -----	334	Third Friday evening, June 24, December 27.
*Ash Pole, -----	335	Second Saturday.
Ionic, -----	337	Saturday evening on or before full moon.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
Palmyra,-----	338	First Wednesday, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Fairview,-----	339	Saturday evening before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Harmony,-----	340	First Thursday, at 10 A. M.
Rock Spring,-----	341	Saturday on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Cedar Fork,-----	342	Saturday before first Sunday, December 27.
Hickory,-----	343	Monday evening before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Numa F. Reid,-----	344	Saturday evening on or before full moon.
*Snow Creek,-----	345	Friday evening on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Trap Hill,-----	346	Saturday evening on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Mount Mourne,-----	347	Saturday before second Sunday.
Stanly,-----	348	First and third Saturday evenings.
*Mount Moriah,-----	350	Second Wednesday.
Durham,-----	352	Second and fourth Tuesday evenings, June 24, December 27.
Moravian,-----	353	Friday on or before full moon.
Euno,-----	354	Thursday before third Sunday.
Dellaplane,-----	355	Saturday evening on or before full moon.
Double Shoal,-----	356	Saturday evening on or before full moon.
Bakersville,-----	357	Tuesday before full moon, Tuesday of Court.
East La Porte,-----	358	Saturday on or before full moon, at 2 P. M., June 24, December 27.
Mt. Vernon,-----	359	Second Thursday, at 2 P. M.
Mayon,-----	360	Third Saturday.
Acacia,-----	361	Wednesday evening on or before full moon.
Iredell,-----	362	Fourth Saturday, at 2 P. M.
Snow,-----	363	Friday evening after full moon, June 24, December 27.
Cumberland,-----	364	Saturday evening on or before full moon.
*Marlboro,-----	365	Saturday before first Sunday, at 1 o'clock P. M.
Craighead,-----	366	First and third Saturdays.
*Jacin,-----	367	First Saturday.
Mount Pisgah,-----	368	Saturday before third Sunday.
Air-Line,-----	369	Friday evening on or before full moon June 24, December 27.
Mars Hill,-----	370	Saturday evening on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Olive Branch,-----	371	Saturday before second Sunday.
Bethel,-----	372	Friday on or before full moon.
Elk,-----	373	Friday evening after each full moon.
Campbell,-----	374	First Saturday, June 24, December 27.
State Line,-----	375	Saturday before full moon, at 1 o'clock P. M.
Life Boat,-----	376	Saturday evening before fourth Sunday.
Youngsville,-----	377	First Saturday and Thursday before third Sunday.
Seaboard,-----	378	Thursday evening before full moon.
Coharie,-----	379	First Saturday, at 11 o'clock A. M.

ABSTRACT of Returns from Subordinate Lodges for Masonic year ending October 31, 1882.

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St. John's,-----	1	2	2	2	2	---	---	2	1	4	1	2	84	8	92	42 00
Royal White Hart,-----	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	31	9	40	16 00
St. John's,-----	3	8	4	5	3	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	67	15	82	33 50
Charity,-----	5	6	6	6	---	---	---	---	---	---	5	---	57	---	57	28 50
Unanimity,-----	7	2	2	2	1	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	41	16	57	20 50
Phoenix,-----	8	1	2	1	---	---	---	---	---	2	1	2	43	35	78	21 50
American George,-----	17	2	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	---	---	37	10	47	18 50
Phalanx,-----	31	2	2	3	---	1	---	---	---	3	1	1	95	20	115	47 00
Davie,-----	39	1	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	26	---	26	13 00
Hiram,-----	40	2	3	3	1	---	---	---	4	1	---	---	75	8	83	37 50
Hall,-----	53	2	1	---	---	1	---	---	3	---	---	---	41	3	44	20 50
King Solomon,-----	56	6	5	5	---	---	1	---	---	1	---	---	64	---	64	28 00
Concord,-----	58	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	49	---	49	24 00
Kilwinning,-----	64	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	32	---	32	15 50
Greensboro,-----	76	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	1	---	---	31	41	72	14 50
Zion,-----	81	2	1	1	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	34	---	34	17 00
Fellowship,-----	84	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	1	30	7	37	15 00
Morning Star,-----	85	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	1	2	---	52	5	57	26 00
Skewarkey,-----	90	3	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	22	10	32	11 00
Western Star,-----	91	2	3	5	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	---	54	---	54	27 00
Joseph Warren,-----	92	1	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	39	2	41	19 50
Jerusalem,-----	95	2	2	2	---	---	---	---	1	---	1	1	27	3	30	13 50
St. John's,-----	96	8	7	5	2	4	---	---	---	---	2	---	42	11	53	21 00

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Archer,	165	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	6	---	1	---	20	6	26	10 00
Winston,	167	3	4	3	4	---	---	1	2	2	---	---	108	7	115	54 00
Blackmer,	170	4	5	1	1	5	---	---	2	---	---	2	26	13	39	13 00
George Washington,	174	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	26	15	41	13 00
Pollokville,	175	6	5	7	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	23	---	23	11 00
Mecklenburg,	176	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	19	---	19	9 50
Siloam,	178	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	6	5	---	---	18	5	23	22 50
Central Cross,	187	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	14	---	---	1	29	38	67	14 50
Fair Bluff,	190	1	1	3	2	1	---	---	---	1	1	1	36	5	41	18 00
Granite,	191	---	---	3	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	27	---	27	13 50
Burnsville,	192	10	3	3	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	57	---	57	27 00
Cary,	198	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	32	---	32	---
Eagle Rock,	201	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	18	---	18	---
Cleveland,	202	8	10	11	1	---	---	---	---	1	1	2	75	9	84	37 50
Roanoke,	203	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	22	---	22	11 00
Berea,	204	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	32	13	45	16 00
Mingo,	206	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	25	---	25	12 50
Lebanon,	207	4	3	2	---	3	---	---	---	2	---	---	39	13	52	19 50
Randleman,	209	8	9	9	3	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	91	---	91	45 50
Richland,	214	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	56	19	75	17 00
New Light,	215	---	---	---	1	---	1	---	---	---	1	1	107	1	107	201 00
William G. Hill,	218	5	3	7	2	---	---	---	---	---	2	1	29	---	29	---
Stokesburg,	220	1	1	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	2	42	12	54	20 50

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Rehoboth.....	279	1	1	1	2	1	23	13	36	\$.....
Sapona.....	280	1	24	8	32	11 50
Eureka.....	283	1	1	1	1	34	6	40	17 50
Greenville.....	284	.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33	.....	33	16 50
Castalia.....	286	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	.....	16	11	27	.....
Salem.....	289	1	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	.....	41	.....	41	20 50
French Broad.....	292	5	8	8	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	59	.....	59	31 00
Vance.....	293	8	7	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	63	.....	63	31 50
Atlantic.....	294	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	36	3	39	.....
Stonewall.....	296	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	42	6	48	20 50
Edgecombe.....	298	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	24	.....	24	11 50
Pamlico.....	300	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	25	12 50
Clay.....	301	4	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	42	8	50	25 00
Evergreen.....	303	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	20	3	23	16 00
Pleasant Hill.....	304	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	13	.....	13	6 50
Laurinburg.....	305	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	29	15	44	14 50
Galatia.....	306	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31	.....	31	15 50
Patterson.....	307	.....	1	1	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	22	1	23	11 00
Randolph.....	309	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	62	5	67	31 00
Hatcher.....	310	3	1	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	3	31	13 50
King Solomon.....	313	3	3	3	2	1	2	42	42	21 00
New Lebanon.....	314	3	3	2	1	30	4	34	15 00
Kinston.....	316	1	21	21	10 50

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Iredell,.....	362	2	18	10	28	\$ 9 00
Snow,.....	363	4	2	3	43	43	22 00
Cumberland,.....	364	6	6	6	1	19	19	9 50
Craighead,.....	366	17	17	8 00
Mt. Pisgah,.....	368	1	26	6	32	13 00
Air Line,.....	369	13	1	14	6 50
Mars Hill,.....	370	14	13	15	1	33	33	16 50
Olive Branch,.....	371	1	12	12	6 00
Bethel,.....	372	1	17	1	18	8 50
Elk,.....	373	8	7	6	1	4	18	18	9 00
Campbell,.....	374	1	3	5	16	4	20	8 00
State Line,.....	375	2	2	1	11	11	5 50
Life Boat,.....	376	1	1	9	5	14	4 50
Youngsville,.....	377	2	1	1	4	1	16	3	19	8 00
Seaboard, (U. D.),.....	378	1	9	3	12
Coharie, (U. D.),.....	379	7	7
																\$3,064 00

RECAPITULATION.

AGGREGATE OF LODGES.

Number of Lodges represented at Annual Communication, 1882,.....	111
“ “ making returns in the year 1882,.....	187
“ “ from which no returns were received,.....	17
“ “ at work,.....	204

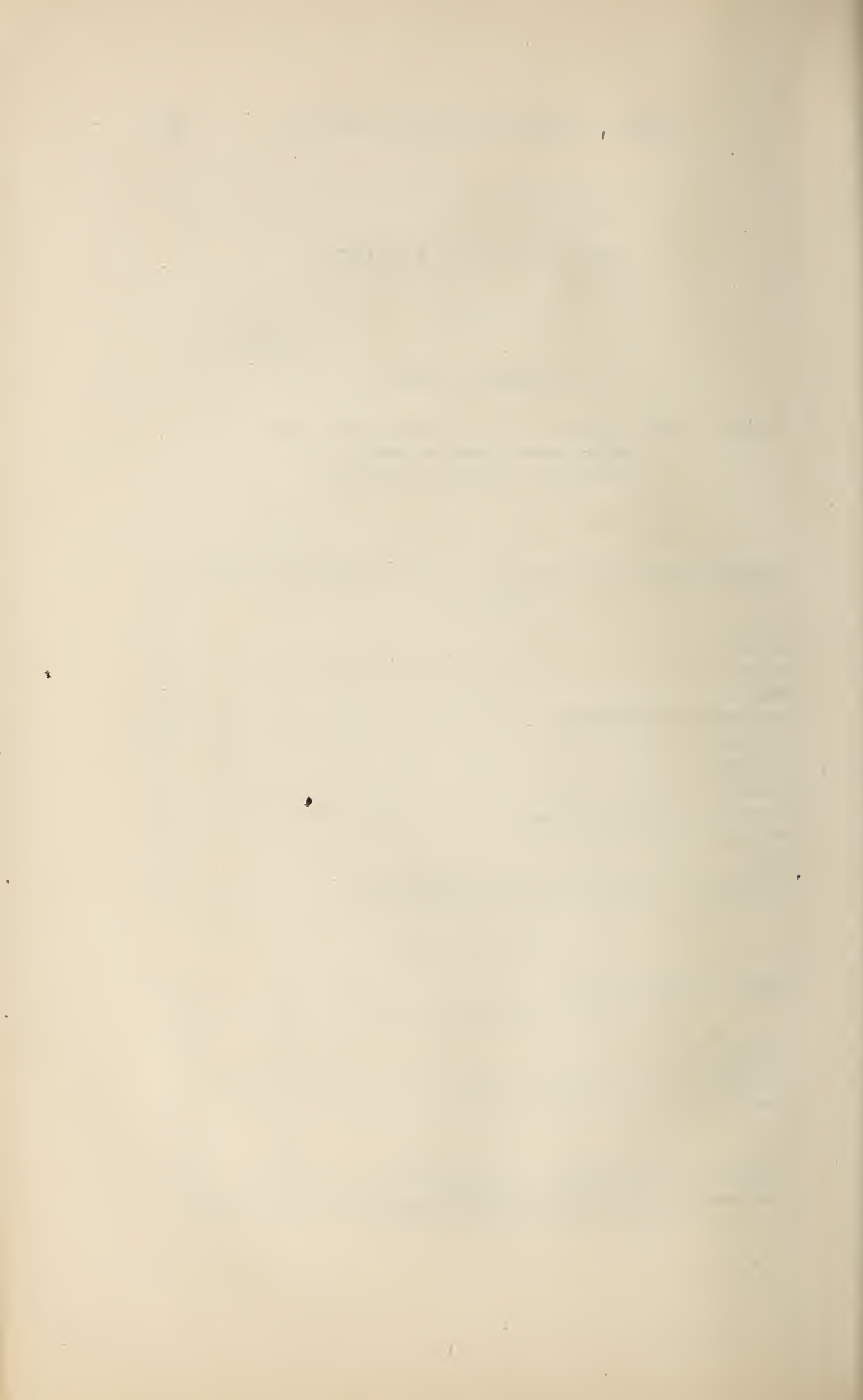
STATISTICS OBTAINED FROM RETURNS IN 1882, OF CHARTERED LODGES AND LODGES, U. D.

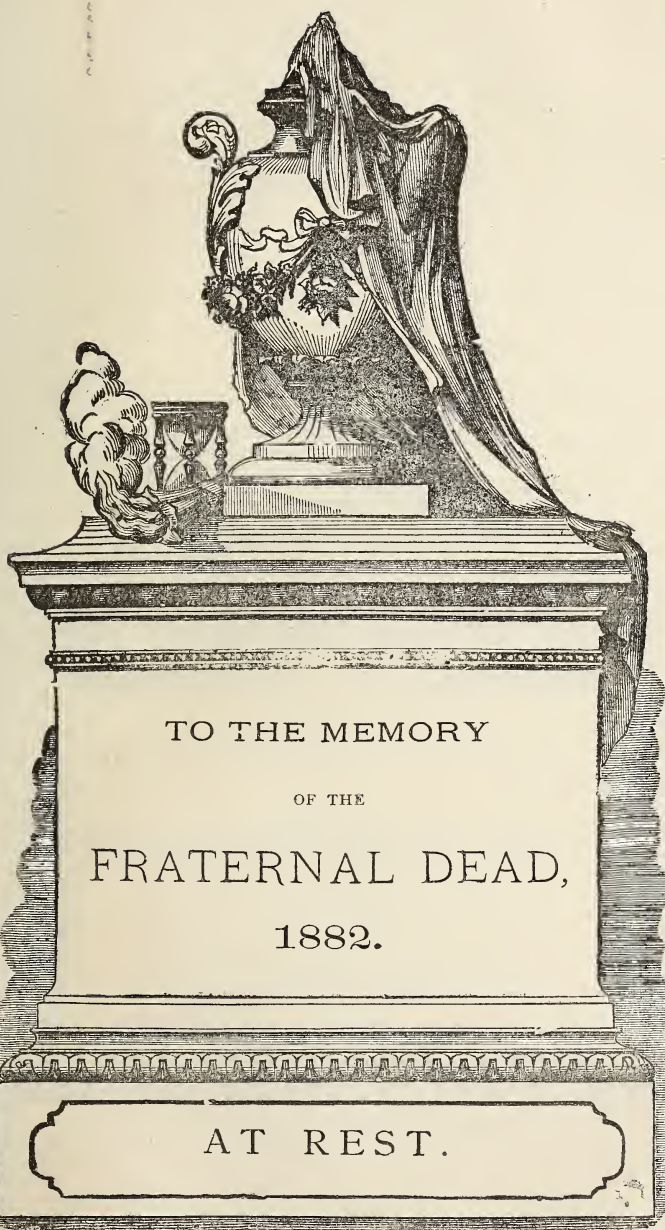
Initiated,	348
Passed,	289
Raised,	283
Admitted in chartered Lodges,	107
Re-instated,	64
Suspended,	14
Expelled,	7
Excluded for non-payment of dues,	156
Withdrawn,	121
Died,	89
Rejected,	77

AGGREGATE OF MASONS.

Number of Members returned,	6,211
“ “ Resident Masons not Members returned,	1,167
Whole number returned,	7,378
Add members (517) and Resident Masons (156) as obtained from the last returns of Lodges failing to make returns in 1882,	673
	8,051

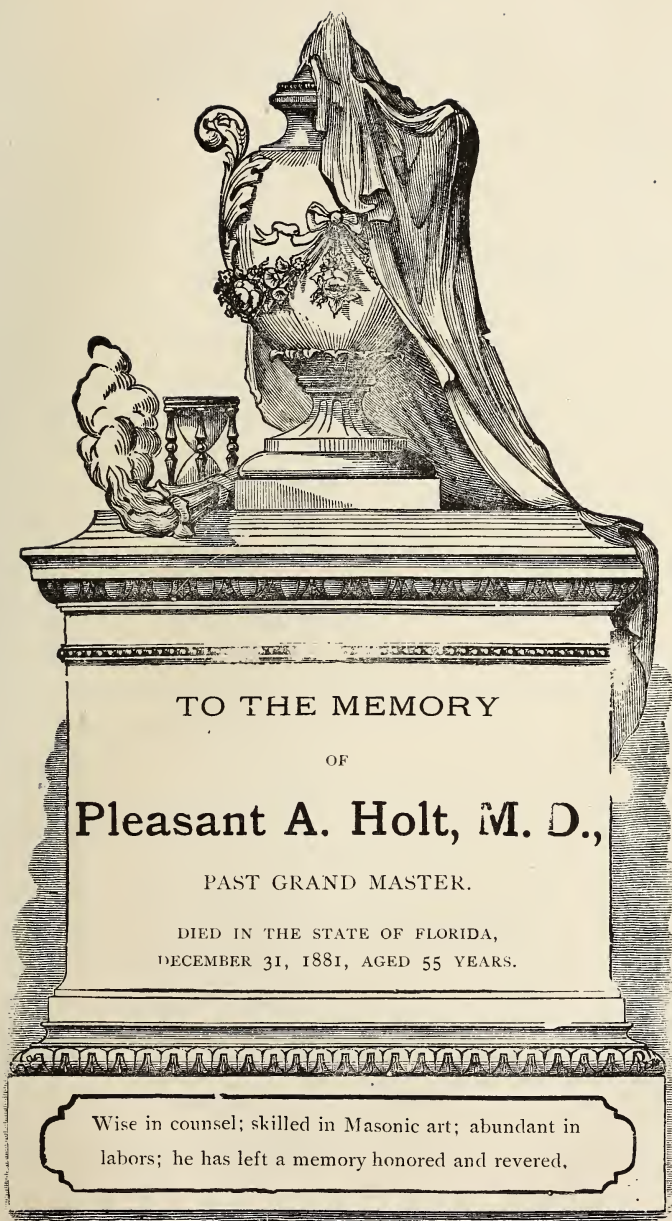
The estimate of non-affiliated masons not returned is discontinued, and the Grand Secretary reports only the number contained in returns last received.





TO THE MEMORY
OF THE
FRATERNAL DEAD,
1882.

AT REST.



TO THE MEMORY

OF

Pleasant A. Holt, M. D.,

PAST GRAND MASTER.

DIED IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA,
DECEMBER 31, 1881, AGED 55 YEARS.

Wise in counsel; skilled in Masonic art; abundant in
labors; he has left a memory honored and revered,



FRATERNAL DEAD.

St. John's, No. 1, R. C. Myers.

Royal White Hart, No. 2, R. E. Moseley.

Charity, No. 5, Francis Gillam, Thomas Bailey, Augustus Holley, J. S. Sheppard, J. B. Steely.

Phoenix, No. 8, H. McKethan.

Phalanx, No. 31, John W. Roberts.

Concord, No. 58, E. T. Hamilton, A. H. McNair.

Morning Star, No. 85, R. B. Griffin, J. H. Rackley.

Western Star, No. 91, W. T. McEntire.

Jerusalem, No. 95, Jesse W. Hardy.

St. John's, No. 96, John S. Davis, William F. Loftin.

Hiram, No. 98, C. T. Murphy, Wm. E. Pridgen, James H. Turlington.

Fulton, No. 99, D. A. Davis, Charles Gordon.

Clinton, No. 107, F. L. Warren.

Belmont, No. 108, J. O. Blount.

Wayne, No. 112, Louis Hummel.

Holly Spring, No. 115, J. M. Rowland.

Mt. Lebanon, No. 117, G. H. Griffin, K. H. Winstead.

Tuscarora, No. 122, T. L. Williams.

Mill Creek, No. 125, Jesse Sumerlin, Ransom Lee.

Blackmer, No. 127, D. C. McAulay.

Mount Energy, No. 140, Hatchuel Freeman, Rufus Bobbitt.

Junaluska, No. 145, Colin Campbell.

Palmyra, No. 147, Simeon Truelove.

Scotch Ireland, No. 154, D. W. Krider.

Knap of Reeds, No. 158, J. W. Hall.

Archer, No. 165, J. F. Philips.

Pollokville, No. 175, G. M. Morrison.

Fair Bluff, No. 190, J. H. Derham.

Granite, No. 191, K. A. Jones.

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- Cleveland, No. 202, E. A. Price.
Berea, No. 204, Groves Meadows.
Mingo, No. 206, John A. Butler, K. Lassiter.
Richland, No. 214, W. W. Fife, J. A. Mock.
New Light, No. 215, J. B. Sheron.
William G. Hill, No. 218, R. C. Badger, B. C. Manly.
Stokesburg, No. 220, J. M. Marshall.
Atlantic, No. 238, H. E. Baxter, A. J. Ballance.
Rountree, No. 243, J. L. Canady, Samuel Smith.
Monroe, No. 244, T. W. Bickett, J. W. Holm, W. W. Smith.
Rockford, No. 251, J. H. Myers.
Lily Valley, No. 252, Charles J. Barrus, Harrison Ellis, Rufus J. Williams.
Lee, No. 253, W. G. Bennett.
Waynesville, No. 259, B. B. Edmondson.
Hibriten, No. 262, John B. Powell.
Tabasco, No. 271, Patterson Whitesell,
Watauga, No. 273, Alfred S. Thomas.
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Salem, No. 289, J. H. Garboden.
Edgecombe, No. 298, L. D. Mercer.
Clay, No. 301, J. C. Gillespie.
Pleasant Hill, No. 304, B. B. Stroud.
Laurinburg, No. 305, Milton McIntyre.
King Solomon, No. 313, J. A. McBryde.
Wentworth, No. 324, B. A. Crafton.
Winton, No. 327, A. J. Northcott.
Palmyra, No. 338, J. H. Everett.
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Bethel, No. 372, A. Baucome.
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Nova Scotia,	Henry Despard,	
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Wisconsin,-----	John Nichols,-----	Raleigh.

CORRECTION.

The name E. **F.** Powell, on pages 12, 21, and 41, is printed as it appears in the manuscripts. It is corrected to read E. **P.** Powell, according to the signature affixed to the will.

After the report of the committee on Jurisprudence, on page 37, the following record is supplied.

“ This report was subsequently considered and adopted by the requisite two-thirds vote. The section of the Code as amended is as follows :

The Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge shall be held in the city of Raleigh, on the second Tuesday of January in each and every year.”

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That the distribution of the proceedings may not be longer delayed, the printing committee direct that the report of the committee on foreign correspondence, not yet completed, be issued as a separate pamphlet. The proceedings are now issued, and the notice of the committee on foreign correspondence, which explains itself, is herewith published.

D. W. BAIN, *Grand Secretary*.

Just before the late Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge I was assigned the duty of preparing the report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence, requiring the review of the Proceedings of Grand Lodges for the year 1882. Professional engagements and sickness in my family have prevented the completion of the report. It is not proper to longer delay the publication of the Proceedings. The report will not, therefore, appear with the Proceedings, but will be prepared by the earliest day possible to be issued as a separate pamphlet. I very much regret the delay.

J. C. L. HARRIS.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina, was convened at its hall in the city of Raleigh, on Saturday, May 20th, A. D. 1882, and was opened in ample form at 11 o'clock A. M.

PRESENT:

M. W.,	HENRY F GRAINGER,	.....	<i>Grand Master.</i>
R. W.,	JOHN NICHOLS,	.....	<i>as Deputy Grand Master.</i>
"	ROBERT T. GRAY,	.....	<i>as Senior Grand Warden.</i>
"	DUDLEY PEED,	.....	<i>as Junior Grand Warden.</i>
"	L. W. ROBINSON,	.....	<i>as Grand Treasurer.</i>
"	DONALD W. BAIN,	.....	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>
BRO.	JAMES H. MOORE,	.....	<i>as Grand Chaplain.</i>
"	D. S. WAITT,	.....	<i>as Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
"	W. H. MITCHELL,	.....	<i>as Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
"	JOHN W. THOMPSON,	.....	<i>as Grand Marshal.</i>
"	W. A. JONES,	.....	<i>as Grand Pursuivant.</i>
"	PHILIP THIEM,	.....	} <i>as Grand Stewards.</i>
"	Y. L. SMITH,	.....
"	MILES GOODWIN,	.....	<i>Grand Tiler.</i>
M. W.,	JOHN NICHOLS,	.....	<i>Past Grand Master.</i>
R. W.,	EUGENE GRISSOM,	.....	<i>Past Deputy Grand Master.</i>
R. W.,	JAMES H. MOORE,	.....	<i>Past Junior Grand Warden.</i>

Representatives were in attendance from Lodges Nos. 40, 97, 123, 140, 155, 156, 157, 165, 198, 201, 218, 231, 234, 342, and 371.

The object of the Special Communication, as stated by the Grand Master, was to lay the corner-stone of the new building now being added to the Court House of the county of Wake.

The Grand Master announced the following special appointments:

BRO. S. L. RIDDLE, *Bearer of the Great Lights*, and
BROS. W. S. TURNER and D. K. MOORE, as his supporters.

The Grand Master having made the necessary preliminary announcements, the rules regulating the procession were read by the Grand Secretary, and the procession was formed and moved down Fayetteville street to the court house in the following order :

GRAND TILER, WITH DRAWN SWORD.

GRAND STEWARDS.

MASTER MASONS.

BRO. SOLOMON J. ALLEN, WITH SQUARE, LEVEL AND PLUMB, REPRESENTING
THE PRINCIPAL ARCHITECT.

GRAND SECRETARY AND GRAND TREASURER.

BIBLE, SQUARE AND COMPASSES.

GRAND CHAPLAIN.

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN, CARRYING THE SILVER VESSEL WITH OIL.

SENIOR GRAND WARDEN, CARRYING THE SILVER VESSEL WITH WINE.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, CARRYING THE GOLDEN VESSEL WITH CORN.

BRO. ALBERT JOHNSON, OF HIRAM LODGE, NO. 40, CARRYING THE BOOK OF
CONSTITUTIONS.

GRAND MASTER, SUPPORTED BY SPECIAL DEACONS, BROS. J. J. BAILEY AND
R. H. FREELAND.

GRAND PURSUIVANT AND GRAND SWORD BEARER.

The civil officers of the county of Wake and city of Raleigh, were, also, assigned places in the procession.

On arriving at the building the procession reversed order and the Grand Officers took position at the stone, the brethren forming line on the north and east.

Solomon J. Allen, Chairman of the Building Committee of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Wake, presented the Grand Master with the box to be placed in the vault, and addressed him as follows :

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER : It has been considered both meet and proper that the corner-stone of this building should be laid with the ceremonies of this order. It is a temple of justice, and its foundation stone should be laid securely, both in the ground and in the hearts of the people of this county, and this fact commemorated for all time. Therefore, in the name of the board of commissioners of Wake county, I formally request you to perform the services.

The Grand Master having signified his assent, advanced, commanded silence and made a suitable response.

Prayer was offered by the acting Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary read the list of articles to be deposited in the box, as follows :

Copy of charter of county from Gov. Tryon, together with reference to act establishing Wake county ; copies of deeds for court-house site ; map of county ; newspapers and periodicals ; small map of State ; impressions of seals of county officers having a seal ; county bonds, in blanks ; list of lawyers in county (55) ; justices of the peace ; calendar of cases at February term, 1882, Superior Court ; committees connected with making additions to the court-house, together with names of architect, builder and superintendent ; " Early Times in Raleigh "—Addresses delivered by the Hon. David L. Swain, LL. D., at the Dedication of " Tucker Hall," August 24, 1867, and on the occasion of the completion of the monument to Jacob Johnson, (father of President Andrew Johnson), June 4, 1867, with maps of the city of Raleigh for the years 1792, 1834 and 1847, compiled by R. S. Tucker, of Raleigh, and containing a description of " Tucker Hall," 1867 ; charter of the city of Raleigh, 1792 ; plan of the city and lots, 1792 ; adult male population of the city, 1811 ; postal card inviting Masons to the laying of the corner-stone ; confederate notes ; reports of county treasurer ; list of county officers ; copy of Branson's Almanac, containing State executive and Federal and State judicial officers ; Turner's Almanac, 1839 and 1882 ; Baptist Almanac ; Proceedings Grand Lodge of Masons, 95th Annual Communication, 1881 ; Proceedings of Grand Lodge of I. O. O. F., 1881 ; list of officers and members of Cotton Exchange and Board of Trade, with cotton sales for 1881 ; minutes of county commissioners regarding laying of corner-stone, with invitation to Grand Lodge and orator ; census of the county ; N. C. Protestant Episcopal Convention journal ; by-laws of masonic lodges ; Moore's school history of N. C., containing State constitution ; catalogue of school books ; hints to Sunday school superintendents and teachers ; manuals of First and Second Baptist churches ; charter and ordinances of Raleigh, with city officers ; N. C. Sermons ; report of the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station ; journal last session N. C. Conference M. E. Church, South ; constitution and by-laws and list of officers of Raleigh Typographical Union ; book of law points ; officers

Board of Missions and Sunday School Board Baptist State Convention; Ray's Trip Abroad; *Gospel Messenger*, (Primitive Baptist); facts about the First Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, with proceedings of Synod; medals of Presidents Washington, Jackson and Garfield, and a medal having the coat of arms of the State thereon; catalogue of Raleigh Male Academy; list of officers and members of Raleigh Commandery Knights Templar; circular of the Atlantic Hotel, Morehead; impressions of seals U. S. Commissioner and collector internal revenue; officers and employes of U. S. post office and court house; resident officers of internal revenue 4th district; names of U. S. officers occupying offices in the U. S. court house and post office; Virginia Treasury note 106 years old; roll of grand officers assisting in laying corner-stone; Masonic Code of North Carolina; coin; report and circular of the institution for the deaf and dumb and the blind; list of officers North Carolina Agricultural Society; history of Edenton Street Sunday school M. E. Church, South; list of pastor and members Second Presbyterian Church; roll of Raleigh Academy of Medicine; *N. C. Medical Journal*; old State money; speech of Representative W. R. Cox; list of officers and members of Centre Lodge Knights of Pythias and of Mystic Seven; Congressional Directory; officers of Wm. G. Hill Lodge, No. 218.

The box containing the articles was placed in the vault of the stone.

The stone was then laid according to the prescribed forms of the order.

The procession moved to Metropolitan Hall, where a large audience was addressed by Bro. Fabius H. Busbee, Master of Hiram Lodge, No. 40, of this city.

The Grand Lodge returned to its hall.

On motion of Bro. R. T. Gray, the Grand Secretary was directed to request of Bro. F. H. Busbee, a copy of his address to-day for publication with these proceedings.

The Grand Lodge was then closed,

HENRY F. GRAINGER,

ATTEST:

Grand Master.

DONALD W. BAIN,

Grand Secretary.

The Grand Secretary has procured a copy of the address of Bro. F. H. BUSBEE, as directed by the Grand Lodge, which is as follows :

M. W. GRAND MASTER AND BRETHREN, MR. CHAIRMAN AND

COMMISSIONERS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN :

It is not because Free Masonry is an ancient and honorable institution, whose members have always been identified with, and promoters of, the progress of Wake county from her earliest days; it is not because the brethren of the craft, scattered throughout the length and breadth of the county, form so considerable a portion of her stalwart citizenship—not for these reasons has the significant ceremony we have witnessed to-day been entrusted to the Grand Lodges of Masons in North Carolina.

There is no preference given to Masonry above her kindred fraternities save a just recognition of her origin and her history. We so often look upon Masonry merely as a benevolent brotherhood, that we fail to pay due honor to her birth and her traditions. More than six hundred years ago there were bands or organizations of master builders, cunning workmen, architects, who traveled from one part of western Europe to another, building the great works of Gothic architecture which are still the delight and admiration of the cultivated world. These societies of Masons, claiming an unknown antiquity, had their architectural and other secrets, their signs and symbols, their legends and mysteries, and from time to time eminent men were admitted as honorary members of the order. In the course of years, but very gradually, the operative character of masonry became merged in speculative Free Masonry, the great charitable brotherhood, whose membership extends to every civilized country in the world. But at times such as these we seem to have the curtains of the ages rolled back, and the older labors of the order again rise before us. The aprons again are worn to protect us from untempered mortar; the deputy master, and wardens, with square and level and plumb, test the accuracy of the builders' work. And when the trowel rings clear, and the stone is declared right and perfect from the triple trial, we have proceeded to the dedication as in the days of old. These rites and ceremonies are not the invention of to-day, nor are they idle mummeries devoid of deep symbolic meaning. You have seen the procession of the lodge, the test, and the consecration by the three elements—corn, wine and oil. Each of these has its peculiar and distinctive meaning. Corn is typical of the daily nourishment which is essential to our existence, and for which we are taught to lift up our voices in daily prayer. Corn also symbolizes plenty, especially when represented as a sheaf suspended near a running stream. But its deeper and more precious signification is the idea of the truth of the doctrine of the Resurrection, which it beautifully embodies, as it springs up in its waving beauty of leaf and fruitage from the bare grain.

Wine has from remotest ages been a symbol of cheerfulness and joy, reminding us of the benevolence of the loving Father who gives us the fruits of this earth for our enjoyment. But as the wine was poured out sparingly, we are forcibly taught the cardinal virtues of temperance which are ever impressed upon the masonic student.

Oil is the token of peace and prosperity, involving more especially the idea of our dependence upon God for the blessings of good government. It has always been used in Eastern countries as the chief element of consecration. The stone which Jacob used as his pillow in Bethel, when he saw in his dream the ladder upon which the angels ascended and descended, he set up as a pillar and consecrated it with oil. Oil was poured upon Aaron's head and ran down upon his beard, and went down to the skirts of his garments, and Samuel, as he blessed the youthful son of Jesse, anointed him with holy oil.

With these symbolic ceremonies we have to-day laid deep and well the foundation stone of the addition to the Court House of Wake. Surely it deserves the fitting honor. Well may we turn for a moment from the busy loom of life at which we are weaving the web of our daily work, and bless the memories of the men from whom we have received this goodly heritage. Its very name has a sweet flavor about it, even though it reminds us of the day when Britain's flag floated over her fields and forests, and Britain's King was her sovereign master. The county received its name from the winsome maiden, Esther Wake, who was the sister of the wife of Governor Tryon. After the revolution was an accomplished fact, and the tyranny of Kings was overthrown forever, the names of the royal Governors were carefully stricken from the map. Bute and Tryon counties were parcelled out and rechristened with such patriotic names as Warren and Franklin, Lincoln and Rutherford. The village of Kingstown became Kinston. But the gallantry of our fathers would not permit them to continue their work of renaming, if it could be thought to cast a slur upon the noble lady who had carried all hearts by storm, and Wake county preserved her name. All honor to their inborn chivalry! The sweet lips of Esther Wake have mouldered into England dust nearly a hundred years ago, but her name shall endure as long as North Carolina's greatest county shall survive the wreck of time. The county was formed of parts of Orange and Johnston in May, 1771, and the first court was held in June following at Bloomsburg, (which was probably near the Boylan place). The records show that Col. John Hinton was sent as a special messenger to Newbern for the charter and was paid twenty pounds for his expenses. John Rice was the clerk for many years, and appears to have an adaptability in politics which would make any man's fortune to-day. The fine large hand in which he writes the year of American independence after a victory by the continentals, is in striking contrast with the entire omission of any allusion to the subject when the days grew dark and the patriots' hopes began to fail. The names of the officers and jurors have a familiar Wake county sound that no one can mistake. Michael Rogers was the sheriff, Joel Lane the register of deeds,

and John Rand the first attorney licensed to practice. The court house stood, as I have said, near the spring at the western end of Hargett street, just beyond the railroad and in front of the old Boylan residence. The jail whose ruins were still visible in 1812, stood on the hill near the railroad bridge of Mr. Boylan's. In 1781 the General Assembly of the State met at the court house, but the seat of government was not fixed, nor was Raleigh laid off as a town until the act of 1792.

At the first term of the court efforts were made to begin the erection of suitable buildings for county purposes, and Theophilus Hunter, Joel Lane and James Martin were appointed commissioners to build the court house, jail and stocks. In 1772 prison bounds were laid off and from time to time sums were appropriated to improve the county buildings.

After the city of Raleigh was laid off on the land purchased from Joel Lane, steps were at once taken to remove the court house, or rather to build a new one.

The deeds for the present site were made in two parcels, one from James Bloodworth, after whom a street is named, and the other from Theophilus Hunter, and were executed to the justices of the county in June and July, 1793. The original deeds are yet preserved among our archives.

The court house was located southwest of the present building, with its southeastern corner near the present Rescue engine-house. The building was a wooden one, and when the present court house was built in 1839, the old house was moved to the corner of Davie and Wilmington streets, and now forms a part of the City Hotel. Here for forty years the courts of Wake county were held, and its walls have rung with the voices of almost every man whom North Carolina has held in honorable estimation. Upon its bench sat John Louis Taylor, afterwards Chief Justice, Gaston, Daniel, Hall, Henderson, Ruffin, Mangum, Pearson, Nash, Caldwell, Seawell, Swain and many others of scarcely less reputation. A list of the lawyers who practiced at its bar would contain the names of all the men whose great records adorn the annals of our county. In addition to the Judges mentioned above, most of whom appeared at the Wake county bar before they were promoted to the bench, Gavin Hogg, Moses Mordecai, Peter Browne, John Haywood, John Stanly, Badger, Saunders, John H. Bryan, Hawks, Iredell and an hundred others might be mentioned. Among the many noted trials which it witnessed, the Kimbrough case perhaps was the most remarkable.

In 1835 the justices of the county court came to the very proper conclusion that, as they had a surplus in the treasury, the growing needs of the county demanded a more commodious building, and a committee, consisting of Weston R. Gales, Johnson Busbee, Gavin Hogg, Charles L. Hinton, Ransom Hinton, Willis Whitaker, David W. Stone and Parker Rand, were appointed to contract for the erection of a new court house. How faithfully they performed their task, let their solid walls attest.

For more than forty years this building has been identified with almost every action of the lives of ourselves and our fathers. Here came the bashful expectant bridegroom or his friend to procure the license which prefaced your and my existence. Here were the blushing honors of court or politics heaped upon our fathers' heads; here the citizens learned the law from the mouths of the great men who sat upon the bench; and, here when life was over and the frail tenement of clay was laid to rest, the last will and testament was reverently filed away.

This building has been connected with North Carolina's history in no ordinary degree. Besides the names I have mentioned above, many of whom continued their labors for years in the new court house, there was W. H. Haywood, learned, accurate, and well fitted for the senatorial chair he afterwards graced, W. A. Graham stately in his presence, stainless in his character, Caldwell, the incorruptible jurist, the terror of evil doers, Winston, the lawyer of the old school, Moore, armed at all points, logical, industrious, unflagging, Miller, whose words of eloquence poured forth as a torrent of fire, Badger, the advocate and the Judge, the greatest of all the great men of North Carolina, Rogers, Battle, Bragg, and others who are yet spared to us. A statement of the important cases tried before its courts would fill a volume. The great Outlaw will case was one, the determination of which hung upon a tremulous signature. The many murder cases would perchance revive recollections not altogether pleasant.

But the sessions of the courts, county and superior, were only a part of the events which have occurred within the building. County and district, occasionally state, political conventions assembled here.

The roll of the war drum of 1847 called together the volunteers who bore our flag to honorable victory in Mexico.

As for the eventful scenes of 1860 and 1861, they are fresh within the memories of all. When the South Carolina delegates made a secession speech at the Yarborough House in December, 1860, I recall the impromptu Union meeting, which was organized the very same night, and Mr. Z. B. Vance, a young Congressman from Buncombe, addressed the people. Wake county was devoted to the Union of her fathers to her very heart's core. The canvass of February, 1861 was a memorable one, and the singing and the speaking went on in equal proportions every night. Poor Crumpler and Champ. Davis and others of the ardent young Union speakers were soon to perish in battle against the flag they so gallantly and eloquently defended. But when President Lincoln issued his call for troops to take up arms against the seceding Southern States, every man re-echoed Ellis' patriotic response, and Wake county spoke in no uncertain tones. At the first blast of the bugle volunteers sprang to arms from every precinct in the county, while all bade the soldier boys a hearty God speed.

“The wife whose babe first smiled that day,
The fair, fond bride of yester eve,
The aged sire and matron gray
Saw the loved warriors haste away,
And deemed it sin to grieve.”

Upon every well-fought field the Wake county soldiers illustrated the honor and the valor of North Carolinians. Their glorious record is a portion of their country's history which their comrades will not willingly let die.

"Nor shall your glory be forgot
While fame her record keeps,
Or honor point the hallowed spot
Where valor proudly sleeps."

It is a gracious and a pleasant task to dwell upon the virtues and the greatnesses of those who have gone before us, and we are often tempted to look back in envy upon "the good old times"—as if our lot had fallen upon evil days. God forbid that I should say anything which could tend to impair the feeling of veneration, which ought to rise in every man's heart, when he thinks of the men who built up for us this great county. But they were progressive, fearless men, and it would be doing scant honor to their memories to follow blindly, when they, with feebler light, were obliged to stumble, and to perpetuate abuses whose only excuse is their antiquity. The true friend of his country is he who seeks to correct the errors under which our fathers were forced to labor, and to leave the world better for his work. Let us hope that we have to-day laid the strong foundations of a court house that shall stand as a fitting monument of the public spirit, the wise enterprise of the men, who have honored Wake county as they have been honored by her. Let its wall arise in strength and beauty, and let every citizen take a becoming pride in the court house of his county. The public officers elected under the law, the suitors, jurors, witnesses, the fifty thousand citizens of Wake have certain definite rights. They have a right to demand that their public records, the evidences of the title to their lands, shall not be exposed to the danger of being swept away in a night by a chance spark. They have a right to ask that their public servants shall be housed in comfortable offices, convenient, accessible, if for no other reason that they may always find them in a good humor.

As jurors they have a right to be comfortably accommodated, while the county is exacting their services, and as witnesses that they shall not stand out of doors awaiting the grand jury's call. They have the right to ask that the court shall be held in a commodious room in which all parties interested shall have an opportunity to see the due administration of the laws of their country. These accommodations the commissioners have wisely determined to provide, and the building, when completed, will be one, which will contain the best appliances for convenience. Fire proof vaults will contain the records of the clerk and the books of the register of deeds; waiting rooms for judge and jurors, for witnesses and suitors will be provided, and the increasing business of the county will be greatly facilitated by the erection of the new building.

But there are improvements about the court house that the architect has not provided for, and which I fear the commissioners cannot of themselves supply. Yet these are of infinitely more value and importance than the arrangement of

the rooms or a safe receptacle for the records. I would rather see a court assembled in the humblest log hut that ever sheltered a human being's head, yes, or under the blue arch of heaven with a log for a bench and the earth for a forum, if there could be found at its tribunal witnesses who would not lie, jurors who would rise superior to their prejudices, lawyers who would not unjustly assail their opponents. I am aware that the imperfections we daily see in the administration of the law are to be expected as long as man is by nature imperfect and erring. But there are evils which a just and wide-spread public sentiment will go a long way to correct. Do not understand me to assert or to intimate that these evils are especially marked in Wake county or in North Carolina. Far from it—they are found all over the world. We will never attend a court where every witness shall speak the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. But we may hope to see a quickened public conscience which will keep so vigilant a watch, will demand so fearless and prompt a vindication of the law, and so swift a punishment of the offender, that the careless witness shall hesitate ere he speaks an untruth.

But we have a right to ask, and we may indulge the hope that we may see in our new court house, jurors who will take the law from the judge and the evidence from the mouths of the witnesses, and will make up their verdict accordingly. Jurors who will not be swayed by any outside influence or pressure, who will not permit prejudice of color, or locality, or politics, or religion, or masonry to enter the sacred province of the jury-box. May we not hope to see all efforts to select particular men or particular kind of men to serve upon a jury abandoned as useless, and cases submitted with absolute fairness upon their merits alone.

There is another improvement which can easily be effected and which ought to be effected. I am glad to have an opportunity to say this in general terms, when I cannot possibly be understood to refer to any particular person. I should like to indulge the hope that the walls of the new court house will never look down upon an improper assault by lawyers upon the motives or character of parties or witnesses. That it shall be a tribunal where a witness will be promptly protected by the court from intimidation and insult—or worse still, from that peculiar brow-beating which just escapes being insulting, and does not seem to warrant any action by the witness. I should like to see a court house in which lawyers did not attempt to twist the answers of a witness into a meaning which it is evident the witness does not intend. I do not mean to wish to interpose any check upon cross-examination, the sure touch-stone of truth when skilfully applied—nor the just denunciation of an untruthful witness. But I do wish to see every party to an action and every witness, treated with the consideration that is due from one man to another, until they are shown to be unworthy. I do not wish to see every opposing party and every adverse witness treated as an out-cast and denounced as a felon, until good men sometimes shun the court house as they would a plague-house. I do wish to see some

check upon the latitude of an invective which spares neither age, nor truth nor character, when in the mad pursuit of a verdict. And if these observations apply to the speaker, as doubtless some of them do, I am willing to receive my part of the blame and promise to do my part toward a reformation.

There is another reform which is within easy reach of remedial legislation. Not once or twice, but dozens and scores of times, you have seen guilty men walk out from the prisoners' dock unpunished, because of some technical defect of indictment or proof. You have seen justice thwarted or delayed by some trivial error that the judge had no power to correct because of the force of antiquated precedent.

A single instance will serve as an example. You have lately seen a case remanded for a new indictment to be found because the words "a wound which produced instant death" did not sufficiently state that the wound was mortal. I do not complain of the decision of the Supreme Court, because it was based upon the old authorities, and was in accordance with older cases, but I do cry out against any system of law that permits so great a denial of justice. These strict constructions have come down to us from the annals of English criminal law. At the time the original cases were decided, the punishment for every serious offense and for a number of very slight offenses was death. A conviction upon an indictment for larceny of the smallest article, for the unauthorized killing of a rabbit, or for a hundred trivial offenses, was followed by the sentence of death. Besides, the unhappy prisoner was not allowed the benefit of counsel to speak in his behalf, though he might consult with an attorney in the preparation of his defense. Because of this strictness the judge, in all mercy, threw around the unfortunate criminals every strained and technical defense they could invent or imagine. But in due course of time all the rigors were abated. The list of capital offenses was reduced to a small number of heinous crimes; the defendants were permitted to employ counsel and to testify in their own behalf. Great Britain followed up these reforms by greatly modifying the strictness required in indictments.

We will do well to follow her example. There are only four capital offenses in North Carolina, and one of them is rarely punished with death; the defense has every advantage in the selection of the jury, the right to testify, the presumption of innocence. One does not need to be in a court house long to discover that if the defendant has any influence or can command any assistance, it is the community and not the criminal that requires protection. I do not mean that in any respect any modification should be made in the degree of proof required to convict. But I do believe that when the fact of guilt is proven, the technical defenses should be placed more under the control of the court; that trials of criminal offenses should always be upon the merits and not upon any technical defenses.

This is not a fitting time or occasion to speak at any greater length upon legal reform. The great barrier in the way of improvement is the fact that those

who, by long study, alone are competent to deal with the intricate problem, are for the most part wedded to the old ideas, and honestly disbelieve in the possibility of improvement. Lawyers are the staunchest of all conservatives. The adoption of the code of civil procedure was a great step forward, the law permitting parties, and afterwards defendants in criminal prosecutions, to testify was another advance, and a law simplifying forms of indictment, which cannot be much longer delayed, will be a third advance. And after many years we may hope to see some real progress made towards the great work of codifying and reducing to a system the body of the common law, for which all true reformers are praying.

Then, my friends, let us hope that the court house, whose corner-stone has been laid to-day, shall be a true and perfect temple of justice, where right and law shall sit together.

The people of Wake county, prudent and economical as they are, will uphold their public servants in a judicious expenditure of the county funds for a work so greatly needed. In the years to come we will see an increasing prosperity bless our people, immigrants will settle among us to enjoy the blessings of our genial climate and the protection of constitutional liberty. Work, architect, with unflagging zeal. Let the building be completed, an honor to yourself and the county. And when the work is done, and the tools of the craft entrusted to the architect are returned to the Grand Lodge, then, Sheriff, ring the bell—the old bell which has faithfully called our fathers and our fathers' fathers to their labors and their duties.

“Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.”

